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Workers on the board: Are we misreading EEC experience? P14

ound slumps after worst monthly ade gap of £545m

ading fortunes deteriooly in January with a it of £545m, the worst rded in a single month. ; were to some extent the effects of the long

Christmas holiday but they sent a chill through the City where the pound closed one and a half cents lower against the dollar and share prices tumbled. The FT index closed more than 15 points lower.

volume terms in January, while exports fell 1½ per cent. These setbacks in volume more than outweighed an im-

trade, as our export prices rose 2 per cent while import unit value remained unchanged. The

terms of trade index rose 24 per cent, which in itself is likely to have a depressing effect on the future volume of exports.

So far, British manufacturers seem to remain determined to

use the fall in sterling which

occurred last year to boost profit margins rather than in-

crease total sales.

Even if the three-month

period to the end of January is used to eliminate the dis-

torting effect of Christmas, imports rose in volume by 31 per cent while exports rose by

only 24 per cent.
Some of the increase in im-

ports, however, was caused by imports of oil in anticipation

rush to stock up prevented the increasing production from our own oil fields in the North Sea having its full effect in reducing imports.

An increase of 13 per cent

in the value of imports of indus-

trial materials as a whole reflected increased prices more

than higher volume.
On the export side, the tex-tiles and metals industries both

recorded a significant increase

in the volume of their sales overseas in the three months

the Opec price rise. This

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ong way to go be-of the wood. 1 Whitehall yesternost certainly a sigor built into the ake enough allow-

The result, almost certainly, was an underrecording of exports and an overrecording of imports. This is because the in a single month. export figures contained in the lownturn in our "January" trade statistics actually refer to a period from mid-December to mid-January, something to the which took in virtually all the ects of the long Christmas holiday.

Imports, on the other hand, is it had a heavily really are recorded in the ect on the pound month when they are supposed ect on the pound month when they are supposed y. Sterling fell at to occur, so the January 11.6960 before re- figures are not reduced on the tly under the re- import side in the same way.

The impact of the holidays effective devaluate basket of other to 43.6 per cent cent on Friday. the FT index fell at 366.3, its lowest by Naccontributions of the seem to have been one of the main factors behind the freakishly good December trade statistics, which showed a trade deficit of only £15m.

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averaged out, they suggest a monthly deficit of £380m, which is what the authorities think is roughly in line with the real trend. A surplus on "invisibles" of around £200m a month brings the estimated figure for the current account deficit down to £180m a month, a figure which is expected to improve in the course of the year.

However, at present the figures show little sign yet of out, however, that major grounds for optimism nost certainly a sig. about the country's trading performance. The most worrying thing, perhaps, is that the volumes of imports and exports are moving so sharply to our

isadvantage.

to the end of January, as did
food, drink and tobacco.



Helicopter view of a boarding party from the British frigate Plymouth (background) approaching a Danish trawler in the North Sea to check the catch. Another photograph page 6.

Office by 11 am.

next day after such a short rest.

Indeed, Mr Crosland was obviously relishing the chal-lenge of his Foreign Office job

and the responsibility of serv-ing as president of the EEC Council of Ministers.

a fit man. He smoked small cigars for much of the day, enjoyed drinking in good company, and did not find it easy to walk any distance.

Since taking over as Foreign

Romanian dissidents issue

open letter

Belgrade, Feb 14.--Eight vists have issued an open letter complaining about the lack of

rights in their country.

The letter, which reached Belgrade today, called on the 35 states due to attend a European security conference here in June to hold a separate meeting on the defence of human rights.

human rights. The eight said that the Romanian Government did not respect the principles of free travel for its citizens, the free circulation of ideas and press freedom enshrined in the 1975 Helsinki declaration on human

rights and détente, which Romania signed. The group said that Romania was among countries where ideas were imposed by force and "work is more important than the human who is working". Although the constitution guaranteed basic human rights, these were denied.

The letter, addressed to all participants in the Belgrade.

participants in the Beigrade conference, went on: "We protest against all possible forms of suppression—physical, moral and intellectual—which occur in political prisons, camps and psychological clinics or in old or new Gulges which trample underfoot the concepts of free-

dom and dignity".

The letter did not name any country, but clearly alluded to Soviet block states. Mr Paul Goma, an author, is

the only signatory known out-side Romania. He has been in trouble with the authorities since his novel. *Ostinato.* rejected by the Bucharest censor, was published in West Germany in 1971. A second novel, The Door, was published in West Germany a year later and also banned in Romania. Both dealt with lack of freedom.

Mr Goma, who spent several years in prison in the late 1950s as a "revisionist", last week wrote to the Paris newspaper Le Monde supporting Czecho-slovak dissidents.

to Vienna next month after criticism by Dr Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, of the way the Prague Government is treating the Charter 77 dissidents, it was announced here. No official reason was given,

to welcome Mr Strougal until the dissident problem had been settled in a positive way. Prague: Mr Alexander Dubcek, munist Party leader, is being prevented from receiving prevented from receiving visitors by a police cordon set up at his home in Bratislava last Thursday, dissident sources said.—Reuter.

Foreign Secretary is dangerously ill

By David Spanier and Michael Brussels which began at 10 am and did not finish until 5 Harfield

The condition of Mr Anthony Crosland, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, who was admitted to hospital on Sunday showing signs of a stroke, gradually deteriorated yester-day. A bulletin issued by the Foreign Office last night said he was dangerously ill.

Dr David Owen, Minister of. State at the Foreign and Com-monwealth Office, has been asked by the Prime Minister to However, those who know him well have said that the Foreign Secretary has not been

Mr Crosland, who is 58, was taken ill at his home in Adder-bury, Oxfordshire, where since last Friday he had been work-ing on official papers.

The Foreign Office said last night that on Sunday morning Mr Crosland drove to Deddington to buy newspapers and went for his usual walk. He then resumed work on the papers.

Mrs Crosland was in the same room when he said: "Some-thing has happened." It was clear to both of them that it was some kind of stroke.

Mirs Craind rang the doc-tor, who immediately came, and decided to bring in a con-sultant physician. After exami-nation Mr Crosland was taken to the Radcliffe Infirmary, in had intended to review the Oxford, by ambulance. Mrs possibilities of making some Crosland travelled in the ambu-lance and has been with her husband throughout", the state-

The Foreign Office said that, as is usual with indications of a stroke, Mr Crosland was placed under strict medical observation and continuing nursing care at the hospital.

Mr Crosland has been working very hard lately, though colleagues feel that the strain is perhaps no greater than a minister in high office normally expects.

Last Tuesday he took the chair at an EEC meeting in

Irish police squad accused of brutality o'clock the next morning. After a brief sleep on return to Lon-don, he was back at the Foreign

From Christopher Welker

The Irish Government yester That was perhaps exceptional, but two of his aides remarked how ably he had handled the long night session in Brussels, and how alert he seemed the day found itself at the centre of accusations of police brutality against suspected republicans. The charges are smiler to those that only last week it was levelling formally against Britain in the European Courted Harman Pichts.

Court of Human Rights.
The allegations were made in the first of three articles about interrogation techniques of the Garda Siochana prepared by reporters from The Irish Times. Their publication after six weeks of intensive research is certain to lead to questions in the Dail and demands for an in-

In a front-page introduction The Irish Times said a special The Irish Times said a special group of detectives known within the force as "the heavy gang" was using three of the methods that have been branded as torture by the European Commission on Human Rights. They are deprivation of food and water, restriction on sleep, and prolonged standing against a wall. The accusations are likely to intensify recent attacks against the Irish Government for hypocrisy as it is in process of attempting to persuade the European court Since taking over as foreign Secretary last. April he has been continually on the move, and for the first three months of his job spent more time abroad than at his London desk. His illness comes at a busy time in the affairs of the Foreign Office and emphasizes have much at the centre of how much at the centre of events Mr Crosland has been. Delicate soundings are being taken on the Rhodesian question, and this week Mr Crosland persuade the European court

to outlaw their use. new move, in cooperation with the United States. He had also The newspaper said severe physical beatings had become routine in the questioning of planned to accompany the Prime suspects about serious crimes. It covered in detail the case of Minister to Washington next Mr Crosland has been MP for Grimsby since October, 1959. At the last general elec-tion he had a majority of 6,982 a suspect who recently tried to commit suicide by jumping out of a Garda station window in

co Tipperary.
"These methods evolved over several years and appear to have become more While Dr Owen is a man of exceptional ability, and had been dealing with the com-licated negotiations on fishery policy, Mr Crosland's absence from the Council of Ministers entrenched since the introduc-tion last October of the Emergency Powers Act, which gave the gardai power to detain suspects for seven days.

Dismantling of the Treasury is suggested

By Peter Hennessy
Sir John Hunt, Secretary of
the Cabiner, told a Commons the Cabiner, told a Commons select committee yesterday how the Treasury could be broken up by combining its public expenditure divisions with the manpower divisions of the Civil Service Department to form a powerful new ministry modelled on the Office of Management and Budget in Washington. The remaining Treasury divisions would become a ministry of finance.

The Prime Minister had two

The Prime Minister had two other options, he said. There were powerful arguments for leaving things unchanged and improving the efficiency of existing arrangements. A third course was to take responsibility for manpower and person-nel from the Civil Service Department and put it back into the Treasury from whence it came in 1968 after the Ful-

sir John thought that would be the least satisfactory arrangement. His own experience in the Treasury in the 1960s led him to favour the

first solution.

Making clear that that was a personal view, he said: "The separation between manpower separation between manpower and public expenditure was always a slightly artificial one." Recent events had strengthened the case for their merger. Decisions on macropolicy had increasingly become a matter for wider, ministerial argument. It was less easy for all economic and spending issues to be settled within the

Having a separate Civil Serriaving a separate Civil Service Department had probably led to an increase in the number of civil servants. The discipline of cash limits should be applied to manpower as well as departmental spending.

In his evidence to the general subcommittee of the select eral subcommittee of the select committee on expenditure, which is investigating White-hall, Sir John denied sugges-tions that the Cabinet Secre-tary "angled" the minutes of Cabinet meetings for particular purposes. Nor did the system of official cabinet committees, which shadowed ministerial committees, make it difficult for ministers to reach their

own decisions.
"The Cabinet's secretariat

"The Cabinet's secretariat does not set out to angle the minutes. If we did, we would not ger away with it for 10 minutes. We have 24 extremely able and strong-minded Cabinet ministers", he added.

Questioned about ministerial responsibility, Sir John said nobody would now argue that a minister should resign because a civil servant had made a mistake that his political head could not have known about. "Equally, a minister has a responsibility minister has a responsibility which he cannot devolve to his permanent secretary for the efficiency and drive of his department."

Sir John argued in favour of recruiting ministerial policy advisers from outside Whitehall. Whether they worked in ones or twos or in substantial numbers, on the pattern of the French Cabinet system, was a matter for the Prime Minister "I personally believe in the system of political advisers and that, on the whole, it has worked well. There has been something like a sea-change, both on the part of the Civil "These conclusions are based Service and the political Continued on page 2, col 3 advisers," he said.

threat 1 to end

urt injunction may end students' occu-London School of final attempts to eement fail, Profesbrendorf, Director said last night was highly critical creases, dictated by ent, which have led

y meeting yesterday 700 students voted he LSE administra-Their sit-in began esday in protest roposed increases d raise the annual a postgraduate from 50, and for underrom the same figure

Dahrendorf, represtanding committee court of governors, mbers had resolved ne last attempt to ar to them that the Such talks would d under duress and or an immediate end supation, which has lisrupted administra-

o resolve differences onsultation, he said, I to a "last resort of an injunction a liberal, and do not invoking the law un-7. I hate few things to take such action university disputes." m Dahrendorf, visibly sed, emphasized the atore of the dispute, ressed dismay at the strust it had generated

udents had demanded ee increases should be it the LSE, and that atory fees and a quota t operation should be The school has a 50 proportion of postand 37 per cent of its are from abroad. answered another of ents' demands-to take stand against the Govs proposal for fee in-by adding: "Both the and level of the gov-announcement on fees lensible. If the Governints to impose fee inmust not present the of wanting us to make own minds." nts at Brighton Polyalso staged a sit-in last n protest against the nent's proposed fee

cued cattle for Libva

917 cattle rescued from led freighter sailed yes-for Libya after veterofficers had declared it for the voyage. The arrest in Fishguard

Britain stands alone in farm price battle

From Michael Hotasby Brussels, Feb 14

The first shots in what is certain to be a long and bitter battle over the European Commission's farm price proposals were exchanged here today by living index would rise by no living rise would rise by no living rise would rise by no living rise agricultural ministers of the Nine. The Commission wants an average price rise of 3 per cent, coupled with adjustments in currency valuations.

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Britain has made clear it considers the proposals too inflationary. But most of Britain's partners dismissed them as not generous enough. Mr Albert Lavens, the Belgian minister, described them as "indefensible" and said they penalized countries with strong currencies.

Before going into the meeting, Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, claimed the Commission's recommenda-tions would add about 2 per cent to British food prices. This would be on top of a further 2 per cent increase that would flow from the final stages in the alignment of British prices with higher EEC levels, to which Britain is committed under its Treaty of

This estimate conflicts with the claim of Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the Commissioner

for Agriculture, that the overall impact on British food prices, taking into account the final transitional steps, would

more than 0.7 per cent. Mr Strang said he did not see how the Commission's proposals for a 6 per cent devaluation of the "green pound" could be justified "against the backpround of everything we are ground of everything we are trying to do to control infla-tion in the EEC and the United

Kingdom ". The "green pound"—the rate used to translate the EEC's farm prices (fixed in units of account) into sterling-currently overstates the real value of Britain's currency by about 34 per cent. This has the effect of holding down the guaranteed prices paid to British farmers and the cost of food imports. After the meeting, Mr Strang called for maximum restraint

in the fixing of prices Herr Josef Ertl, the German

'Nazi' gunman kills five

New York, Feb 14 At least five people, including a policeman, were killed today by a heavily armed man wearing a Nazi storm trooper's uniform after he took over a warehouse in New Rochelle, a New York suburb, and began firing at random.

were wounded and believed the killer was holding two hostages.

He shouted out that he had plenty of grenades and other guns and ammunition to last me ail day ".

this was unacceptable.

minister, said that he found the Commission's proposals more realistic than in previous years. However they would mean a reduction in the earnings of German milk producers, and

ment added.

Vienna: Mr Strougal, the Czechoslovak Prime Minister, has postponed an official visit

but sources said the Chancellor has indicated he did not wish

leaves a gap that a deputy can hardly be expected to fill. Crosland role, page 4 Fears of mass kidnap as teacher and pupils vanish

launched a search for a school as Mr Robert David Hunter, teacher and his nine pupils missing from a small Victoria country school today amid fears that they may be the victims of a mass kidnap. Mr Lindsay Thompson, Vic-

toria's deputy Premier, and Mr Sinclair Miller, the state's assistant police commissioner, appealed for help in tracking the teacher and his pupils from the South Gippsland school at Wooreen, 85 miles east of Mel-

Police take journalist

A journalist from The New York Times describes how Czechoslovak police ordered him off the Prague-Vienna

express on Sunday night, held him incommunicado and confiscated docu-

ments in his possession. The material taken from him included a French

taken from him included a remainstant of a statement attributed to Mr Alexander Dubcek, party leader at the time of the 1968 Soviet-led in-

Mr Asher Yadlin, dismissed as head of an Israeli workers' sick fund, denies

an israel workers sick think, telles pocketing bribes from a lawyer who worked for the fund. He says he handed over millions to the country's ruling Labour Party for its election expenses after pressure from several leaders.

Moscow: A leading woman member of the dissidents' human rights group has

Cricket: England scored 285 for six in

Israel bribes case

been allowed to leave Russia

off Czech train

Melbourne, Feb 14.-Police bourne. The teacher was named aged 26, who had bee for only a week. The children are aged between six and 11. Mr Miller said the terrain was such that no one should be lost. He said a note was found on the school door saying: Gone for a nature walk. Back in one hour."

in a four-cornered fight.

A man jailed for 15 years for kidnapping a teacher and six children from another school in Victoria in 1972 escaped from prison two months ago and is

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Home Secretary defends parole for women

The Parole Board's decision to release Miss Anna Meudleson after only four years of a 10-year sentence for her years of a 10-year sentence for her Angry Brigade activities was defended by Mr Rees, the Home Secretary. He said that if there were any signs of reversion she would go back to jail. In the House of Commons the decision was criticized by Conservative MPs

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Open government Mr Wedgwood Benn suggests that the public should be told more about Cabinet discussions at the time they take place instead of having to wait years after the event for information.

Levland meeting Labour MPs from the Birmingham area are to be asked by British Leyland shop stewards today to help them in their struggle to overthrow the social contract and return to free collective bargaining. Meanwhile, the firm is esti-mated to be losing £12m a day in lost car production, with 20,000 workers now idle Pages 2 and 17

Judgment delayed on bishop's appeal

The Rhodesian Appeal Court has delayed for 10 days, because of "pressure of work", its judgment on the appeal by Mgr Donal Lamont, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Umtali, against a 10-year jail sentence. His sentence to still the remove appeal large. ence was for failing to report guerrillas his diocese Page 7 in his diocese 22p loaf foreseen

A new round of bread price rises is in prospect with the three big bakers, REM, Spillers and Associated British

Foods, applying to the Price Commission for a 1p increase on a standard loaf, taking the price to 22p in most areas. A further 1p rise could follow if the Government removes its 1p subsidy in the spring Skytrain licence

The Government has come round in favour of the Laker Airways Skytrain,

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which may now operate from April 1 with a single fare of about £60 between London and New York. The United States is to be asked to smooth Sky-train's path Page 2 Home News European News

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two-tier oil pricing system; John Earle looks at the threat of kidnapping that faces Italian businessmen Business Diary: The dancers who may have to hang up their ballet shoes

British Leyland shop stewards representing more than five men's complaints thousand skilled toolmakers. The pressure or will seek today to enlist the support of backbench Labour MPs in their campaign to escape from the confines of the income policy. Their talks at the Commons come on the eve of a crucial meeting of the TUC economic committee, at which the prospects for an acceptable extension of the social contract from August will be discussed. The TUC committee meets

tomorrow evening, and the chief talking point is expected to be a shortened draft of a previous policy paper setting out the unions ideas for an "orderly" return to freer collective bargaining in industry. Union leaders are taking seriously the recent manifestations of shop-floor opposition to the social contract with the Government after two years of restrictive pay policy.

Agreement between the TUC and the Chancellor before the expected date of the Budget at the end of this month is unlikely. The unions prefer to wait and see what Mr Healey offers by way of income tax concessions before they commit themselves to a specific set of

pay guidelines.
But while the TUC takes its time over deciding on its next move the British Leyland tool room men whose demand for a return to unfettered wage nego-tiations started the present wave of discontent will press for an end to the controls that have eroded differentials between skilled craftsmen and production workers.

They are asking for the support of Birmingham Labour MPs in their campaign. Birmingham area increase industrial production Ps in their campaign, and defuse the time bomb arguing that the state-owned car company has tolerated a gap of up to £10 a week for men doing the same craft job in

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, MP for that the economic committee arranged a meeting in a Com- to be put to the Chancellor, but

mons committee room, setting there are indications that the aside an hour and a half for unions are looking even farther members to hear the tool-room ahead.

The pressure on the Cabinet 630,000 building and civil engiand the TUC to accommodate neering workers are the ware prisoned. the wage grievances of craftsclaim yesterday for rises of 5 per cent in line with the social men increased yesterday when contract, but gave a warning that as soon as the income policy the traditionally moderate Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, permitted they would demand a the largest union in the steel industry, demanded a more flexible deal on the ground that 35-hour week, four weeks' holiday and consolidation of the flat-rate supplements of the past flar-rate supplements under the two years into basic-rate first two phases did not reflect the true value of the contribution made by skilled and experienced workers.

Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the confederation, said in his union journal:

"Stages one and two of the earnings.

The building employers agreed to consider the phase two pay claim, but told the four construction unions: "Any construction unions: "Any increase in labour costs would be a serious matter in the insocial contract have, admittedly, dustry, which is worse hit by reduced the rate of inflation the recession than most. Some considerably and made a huge contribution to stabilizing the small firms are struggling to survive, and increases like those sought could be the final blow economy. There is no doubt that an equally tight stage three could have an even greater for some and could put even more operatives out of work." ffect on the current level of

The building industry has about 220,000 people unemployed and the employers are against the benefits of inflex-ible pay guidelines is the stif-ling effect they are having on seeking an improvement in government contract ordering to forestall a further decline in

Productivity bargaining so vital to the steel industry had been halted for two years, and Reject contract" call: Mr Arthur Scargill, the militant leader of the Yorkshire mineworkers, urged the trade union new technology could not be accompanied by rationalized pay structures. Middle managemovement to "kick out" social contract (the Press Association reports).

Speaking at a meeting of the Yorkshire mineworkers' area council at Barnsley yesterday, he added: "I am pleased that a lor of our national leaders in the union, and officials in other arrangement for determining unions, are being converted on the way to Damascus and on the way to free collective bargain-

ing."
The council, still angry over which pay anomalies and narrowing differentials has placed under the social contract.", Mr Sirs added. the National Union of Mineworkers' acceptance of the coal board's early retirement offer, demanded the resignation of It is pressures such as those Mr Joseph Gormley, the union's president, and passed a vote of Birmingham, Perry Barr, and will be seeking to reconcile no confidence in the negotiating a prominent Tribunite, has within the agreement eventually ability of the union's national

TGWU leaders split on pay pact

inflation.

But what must be offset

our industrial performance."

ment had also suffered badly from the flat-rate policy. With-

out them the industry could not

be run, and in order to attract

and retain such people " greater incentives are required ".

A much more fléxible

pay increases "must operate from next August in order to

Four leading contestants for the £7,000-a-year job of heading the country's most powerful trade union emerged three to one last night against a renewal of the pay pact with the Government Mr Moss Evans, national

organizer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, which has 1,900,000 members, stood alone in a relevision confrontation in support of continuing the union's economic agreement with the Administration. In emphatic terms, he said it was essential for the leader of the TGWU to support Labour in power. "I support a gaining but in an orderly way", difficulties.

he said. "If the Labour Gov-

she was paid £50 to marry an

Iranian she met outside a

Sharon Gray, aged 19, formerly of Gibbs House, Balham Hill, London, said that she had

twice gone through a marriage ceremony. Another "wedding" had been stopped by the police,

and she had once gone to court as the new "bride" of a man accused of being an illegal immigrant, whom she had never

Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, for

Mr Evans, said to be the favourite of Mr Jack Jones to succeed him next year, appeared on Thames Television's People and Politics pro-gramme with Mr John Cousins, Mr John Miller and Mr Alex Kitson.

Mr Kitson said that wages policy was only a contribution to overcoming economic difficulties and there could be no lasting pay policy in a mixed economy. He added that "blind loyalty" should not be given to any government. The £6 wage policy was a "one-off job", but there was now to be another attempt to use a wage pact to return to free collective bar- help the country in its economic ployed."

ernment comes to the trade election was the most impor-struggle union movement, cooperation tant in probably a decade, and flagged.

have to decide whether to continue with the social contract Parliament, the unions, and the people. It was an illusion to assume that the country's difficulties could be dispersed by a close dialogue with half a dozen ministers: that was a downward path to corporatism.

Mr Miller, a confirmed opponent of the pay deal with the Government, said: "We are entitled to ask the people who voted for the social contract what the working class have got from it. We have 1,500,000 unemployed and we have a minis-ter talking recently about moving towards two million unem-

As a trade union negoriator, Mr Cousins said the union's he found that when the wages lection was the most import struggle flagged all struggle

Irish policemen accused of brutality

"The psychological tactics include alternating groups of brutal' and 'nice' detectives,

disorienting people by keeping them in rooms with blinds drawn, and lights on day and night so that they lose track of time, and confusing them by constantly giving conflicting orders

"Suspects are forced to sit

by hot fires or heaters and are refused water, and an atmosphere of fear is induced by loud banging, shouting, threats and sometimes screams from

outside the room. All these are intended to break the suspect's

resistance to reveal information or, more commonly, to signing

Mr Cooney, Minister for Justice, refused to comment on the allegations yesterday. But he

will answer an opposition ques-tion in the Dail later in the

week. Supt Thomas Kelly the chief Garda spokesman, dismissed the allegations as "totally and absolutely un-

That denial is unlikely to

satisfy Dail deputies, who have been growing increasingly con-

cerned about the number of

allegations of brutality made against the Irish police recently.

Twenty-five separate cases of alleged ill-treatment by the

police are waiting to be heard

The Irish Times said the introduction of more brutal methods seemed to have devel-

oped specifically from political

pressure on the police to get results in the wake of increased

TRA violence in the country.
That pressure had intensified after the murder last year of Mr Christopher Ewart Biggs, the former British Ambassador to Public is said.

The "heavy gang" was a fly-ing squad consisting of a small

number of detectives drawn from the specialized Garda Technical Unit, based in Dublin,

in Irish courts.

Dublin, it said.

incriminating statements."

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and the rings. on the experiences of victims, lawyers, doctors, and social public house in Earls Court, deportation paid £250, the London.

Sharon Gray, aged 19, formerly of Gibbs House, Balham

Foreigners anxious to avoid deportation paid £250, the "bride" was paid £50, and a witness earned £5.

Mr Denkins and Stephen Foreigners anxious to avoid workers involved and also on information from Garda sources obtained over a period of weeks." According to The Irish Times

Trevor Reeves, aged 20, of Fin-borough Road, Earls Court, denied two charges of conspir-ing to make a false statement the psychological methods used by the hand-picked members of the "heavy gang" differed from those employed in North-ern Ireland in that they were not scientifically applied, and consequently were not as effecin reference to a marriage. Mr Denkins also denied forging a document purporting to be parental consent to a marriage. Mr Hart-Leverton alleged that Mr Reeves was the witness.

Miss Gray told the court that she had already pleaded guilty to her part and had been given a suspended sentence. The case continues today,

the prosecution, told the court that Philip Denkins, aged 20, unemployed, of Elms Road, Clapham, had operated a brides-for-hire business. The Crown's

Bride-for-hire woman was

A woman said at the Central case was that he arranged the

Criminal Court yesterday that marriages, provided false docu-she was paid £50 to marry an ments and birth certificates,

paid £50 a wedding



"When daylight comes, comes in the light, In front the sun climbs slow, how slowly, But westward, look, the land is bright. . Arthur Hugh Clough

We ve always been famous for our bright ideas.



Dismissal warning alleged by Mr Cousins

The election for the most powerful trade union post in Britain was complicated last night when Mr John Cousins, a contender to replace Mr Jack Jones as general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said he had been told that his job with the National Economic Development Office was at stake if he continued to criticize government

According to Mr Cousins. he was told by Sir Ronald McIntosh, director general of NEDO, that the views he was express-ing might be incompatible with his job as manpower and indus-trial relations director for the organization. The phrase that was used

was that I was passing the langer signal, passing the 'red ight' with some of the views that I have been expressing. The red light is a euphemism for the sack ".

He refused to say whether the warning had been passed on to Sir Ronald from a union or government source. "I will leave you to draw your own conclusions", he said. He was convinced that the initiative had not come from Sir Ronald.

Ever since the election for Mr Jones's post opened last month, Mr Cousins has made clear that he is at odds with

In a recent speech at Windsor he said that parliamentary democracy was in danger be-cause decisions about Britain's future were made in secret deals between the Government the central role played by Mr Jones in the social contract negotiations and accused him of neglecting the interests of union members while trying to run Westminster.

His most fundamental clash with Mr Jones has been over the social contract. He said yesterday that it was doomed. Workers he said, would not be prepared to trade legislation to implement the Bullock proposals for a third phase of income policy. He believes there should be no restraint on wage

While some people would have preferred him to be silent, Mr Cousins said, he believed in an open election. I have held these views for a long time and, yes, I think it is compatible for me to remain at NEDO while still holding them. If they thought they had got a political eunuch they were

Fifteen candidates are con testing the election for Mr £7,000-a-year which he leaves on March 29, 1978. The successful man will begin at a critical point in union affairs and will run in tandem with Mr Jones for a year until the latter retires. Last night Sir Ronald McIntosh declined to comment.

Mr Jones has said that he has no knowledge of Mr Cousins's allegations, and doubts whether they are true.



Mr John Cousins: "A vital

the start of a campaign by the Provisional IRA which "will

continue until the British withdrew from Northern Ireland", Mr Seamus Twomey, chief of staff of the Provisionals, said

in a television interview broad-cast in Paris last night.

Miss Dominique Bromberger,

the interviewer, told Mr

Mr Twomey said London was the capital of a country which was "making war on the Irish people" and thus all the in-habitants of London and other British cities could suffer from

IRA blows, "the same as the population of Northern Ireland suffers from those of the British

"The British war effort in Ulster justifies our carrying the war to England", he said. Asked if the Provisionals

were responsible for the recent

murder of a businessman in

Londonderry, Mr Twomey said: "All British businessmen and

industries in Ulster are among

our targets because they are here to exploit all the resources of Ulster [and] the Irish work-ing class. He added: "The wages here are the lowest in all Europe".

Miss Bromberger, who inter-

viewed Mr Twomey last week "somewhere in Ireland", said

she had the impression that the number of people threat-ened by the IRA was

Mr Twomey replied: "Any- going about our business."

increasing without limit.

Northern Ireland.

troops ".

foreigners, could be hurt.

By Clive Borrell Crime Correspondent

Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, vesterday defended the Parole Board's decision to order the release from prison of Miss Anna Mendleson after she had served only four years of a 10-year sentence for her part in the Angry Brigade bombing campaign five

years ago. Miss Mendleson, now aged 28 and living with her parents at Stockport, was stated last night by her father. Mr Maurice Mendleson, a former Lebour councillar, to be "trying to recover from the experience of Holloway prison. "She was a student and a bit

of a rebel at the time of all this Angry Brigade nonsense", he said at the family home in Miford Grove, Offerton, Stockport, had nothing to with bombings or any other violent action; she was just caught up in the swell at the since November and is now try-ing to make a new future for

In Manchester, less than 10 miles from Miss Mendleson's home vesterday Mr Rees said that the Parole Board recommended her release soon after he became Home Secretary last year. There was nothing unusua

about that. Wher was unusual was what she went to prison for", he said, adding that all the advice given to him at that time was that she was not considered to be a risk to the com-"At the end of the day it must be my decision. I believe

I took the right decision. If there are any signs at all of reversion then it will be back to

Skytrain

flying by

may be

April 1

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent

The Laker Airways Skytrain service between London and New York may be operating from April 1 at a single fare

of about £60 as a result of a

government policy decision an-

nounced vesterday.

Mr Dell, Secretary of State

for Trade, told the Commons

that he will not appeal to the House of Lords against the de-

cision of the Court of Appeal to uphold the Skytrain project.

idea of Skytrain, the Govern-

ment has swung round in favour

of it. It will press its oppo-site numbers in the United

States to smooth the parh of

the project into service. Mr. F. A. Laker, chairman of Laker

Airways, last night described this remarkable volte face as "a Valentine from the Govern-

But he accused the Govern-

ment of losing the country be-tween £100m and £120m income

during the five years and seven

permit without further delay

British licence for a scheduled service to America, and all that is now required is for the Presi-dent of the United States to sign

Depending on the rate of

Laker can take bookings for a daily Skytrain service only within six hours of the de-

parture of the flight. He said that tickets would be sold only for cash; meals, drinks, cinema shows and stereo sound on

war effort, or who even collaborates one way or another with the British, is among our targets."—AP.

Jailed for life: Two Provisional IRA gunmen were yesterday jailed for life for their part in a four-hour gun battle with the Army in Belfast almost five years ago (the Press Association reports). A housewife was

tion reports). A housewife was shot dead in the crossfire.

sonstown, Belfast, were con-

victed of the murder of Mrs Martha Crawford, aged 39, of Ramoan Gardens, Andersons-

town, and of attempting to murder soldiers and possessing

firearms and ammunition with intent on March 30, 1972.

Eire police find: Police in the Irish Republic have uncovered

mortar bomb launchers and

bomb-making gear near Swords, co Dublin. Earlier more than 50 rockets, some primed for

use, were found near the co Cavan border with Ulster.

Detention protest: A protest is

to be made to the Home Office by Mr John Hume, deputy leader of the Social Democra-

tic and Labour Party, over the

detention of a young Ulster

honeymoon couple in Liver-pool who were released on Sunday after being held for nearly 48 hours.

Businessmen defiant: Business-

men in Ulster said yesterday that they would not be intimi-dated by threats against their lives. A spokesman said: "We

are going to carry on These

attacks will not deter us from

board would be extra.

London bombs were start of

the West End of London was war effort, or who even

Twomey that such bombing was for terror campaign", because anyone unconnected with Interest I

campaign IRA chief says

said. "We have a valid

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From its attitude against the

for several years.

Sir Louis Petch, chairman of the Parole Board, said the board had to be convinced of a change to society.

of heart before recommending "She has told me that what anvone's release from prison. In a nutshell you have to be certain, or as certain as you can be, that there has been a

change of heart. That is what we are looking for from an applicant. Hers was a serious crime against the body politic. And you have got to be jolly well certain that when a man or woman comes out of prison they co not do the same thing

The board, he said, faced the difficulty of either preparing inmates for release into society gradually, or " just letting them loose on the world at the prison

Among the factors sidered by the board before allowing the release of anyone from prison, he said, was the protection of the public; the nature and circumstances of the offence; the prisoner's response to training inside prison; his release prospects and the family circumstances. Sir Louis disclosed that in fact three applications for Miss Mendleson's release had been made to the board. er release is largely due

to kind bein from members of prison staff and other social workers who came into contact with her who were convinced that she was ready to refein her family and society fatter said last night. Mr Maurice Orbach, Labour

Angry Brigade woman's release defende As part of the agreement for her release Miss Mendleson will live with her parents in Stockport and will be under supervision from after-care officers for several years.

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In the Central Criminal Court release evoku offered to stand £1,000 surety as part of her bail, said yester-yesterday R. self and that she is now ready to make a useful contribution

she did at the time was stupid and nonsensical. At one time ideas and tried to follow them through, unsuccessfully. She went a bit crackers but now she is OK. I have known her for 13 or 14 years and the family is very highly regarded in Stockport.

Miss Mendleson and another student of Essex University, Miss Hilary Creek, where they were students, joined two other students, Mr John Barker and Mr James Greenfield, both from Combridge, to form the Anary Brizade. which violently opposed the Conservative Government's Industrial Relations

Three of the targets in the brigade's campaign were Mr Robert Carr (now Lord Carr of Hadley), whose home was bombed when he introduced the new legislation to the House of Commons; Mr John Davies. who succeeded him after Mr Carr became Home Secretary, and Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, who was then the Attorney General Bombs exoloded at the London homes of Mr Davies and Sir Peter but no one was in fured.

Reports that Miss Mendleson's release was speeded because of a deterioration in her health while in prison were discounted by Mr Rees yester-Mr Maurice Orbach, Labour day, MP for Stockport, South, who Our Parliamentary Correspon-

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Road-accident levy plan droj

By Nicholas Hirst Financial Staff

The insurance industry yesterday won a resounding victory when the Government agreed to drop its proposals for a 53-arenicle road-accident levy. Abandonment of the idea to recoup fully the \$50m cost to the National Health Service of treating car accident victims by

a levy on insurance premiums. first suggested by the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer in the summer as part of his efforts to cut public spending, was an-nounced by Mr Enuals, Secretary of State for Social Services, in the Commons.
"In the course of discussions

which have taken place it became apparent that a scheme of this kind would have inherent practical difficulties and be administratively expenreply.

The decision was welcomed by motoring organizations and by the insurance industry, whose representations have for a second time, shown that the Government can be flexible on practical grounds. The insurers' victory comes after a similar practical case it made out which

resulted in substantial modifi-

cations to the Policyholders Protection Bill. A joint committee of the British Insurance Association and Lloyd's led by Mr A. R. Matanle, home general manager of Phoenix Assurance, led the case against the Government plan on the grounds that it was unfair and technically impos-

They pointed out that administrative costs of reprogramming computers would

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demand it shi £50m a year to short of wan tion", the Auto tion said. But the prac and the declin

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Bail system wastes time and money, solicitor says The common police practice where a guilty plea'is intended.

sible.

of bailing people to appear be-fore the magistrates within a prepared. All that could be during the five years and seven few days of being charged is months since he first proposed washing court time and public ance is necessary.

The Skytrain concept, "We now money, a solicitor writes in the look forward to the United Law Society's Gazette.

States Government issuing a A first appearance in court defendant's bail could be appeared if few days of being charged is done before any court appear-

by a defendant facing a "non-serious" criminal charge usually results in a request for an adjournment to obtain legal aid and instruct a lawyer, according to Mr David Williams, a Liverpool solicitor.

The up-and-down procedure exchange, the single fare for the Skytrain service from Stan-sted airport, Essex to New York, in such cases is unnecessary, he says, because the police have power under the Magistrates' Courts Act (1952) to bail defendants for much longer periods, say four to six weeks. would vary from 559 to 570, compared with the cheapest rate on one of the International Air Transport Association airlines of about 5240. Under the terms of his licence issued by the British Civil Aviation Authority Mr

In that time, Mr Williams five functions, and should not son, the associated says, each side could prepare clutter themselves with unorganized, said its case fully and, in a case necessary administrative tasks." meeting

extended in his absence if neither side was ready to pro-ceed. Magistrates' clerks have the power to do that themselves without the necessity of a court hearing. Mr Williams says the im-

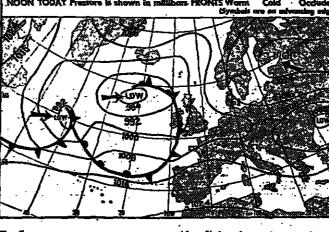
proved procedure he recom-mends is already used in small towns and rural areas. But in Liverpool, needless court appearances may be costing the public £50,000 a year.
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Weather forecast and recordings



Sum rises: Sum sets: 7.15 am 5.16 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 5.13 am 2.35 pm . 2.35 pm New Moon: February 18.

London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands: Mainly dry, fog parches thining slowly, sunny intervals developing; wind variable light, becoming S moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

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Outlook for ton Thursday: Sunny to 7°C (41°F to 45°F).

Channel Islands: Bright, becoming cloudy, rein kater; wind W light, becoming 3 moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

SW England, Wales, Isle of cloudy, rain cloudy, rain strong; sea smooth, rough. fresh; max temp, 10°C (50°F).

SW England, Wales, Isle of
Man: becoming cloudy, rain
spreading from W; wind S light,
freshening, max temp 7°C to 9°C
(45°F to 48°F).

Lake District, SW Scotland,
Glasgow, Argyll: Bright intervals
after early fog patches, rain
later; wind S, light, freshening,
max temp 7°C (45°F).

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Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: mainly dry, fog patches clearing, bright spells; Wind S light, freshening; max temp 7°C (45°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shefland: Bright intervals, isolated showers; wind S light, freshening; max temp 5°C or 6°C (41°F to 43°F).

London: Temp: max pm, 12°C (54°F); min, am, 5°C (41°F). Humi 69 per cent. Rain, 24t nil. Sun, 24tr to 6 Bar, mean sea level, 6 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53tr

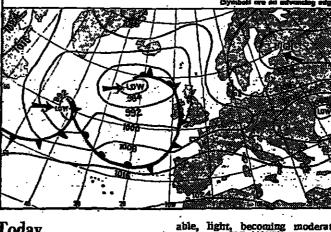
Yesterday

N Ireland : Fog pat

St George's Channel Wind S, moderate,

Wind S, moderate, strong; sea moderate





Today

New Moon: February 18.
Lighting up: 5-46 pm to 6-43 am.
High water: London Bridge, 11.33
am, 6-4m (21.1ft). Avonmouth,
4-47 am, 11.4m (37.3ft); 5:20 pm,
11.7m (38.4ft). Dover, 8-49 am,
6-0m (19.6ft); 9-21 pm, 6.1m
(20.2ft). Hull. 3-43 am, 6-4m
(21.1ft); 4-6 pm, 6-6m (21.6ft).
Liverpool, 8-57 am, 8-4m (27.6ft);
9-32 pm, 8-4m (27.7ft).

A ridge of high pressure over E Britain will decline as a trough approaches W areas. Porecasts for 6 am to midnight:

Central S, NW England, W Mid-land: Fog patches clearing, bright intervals, rain later; wind vari-

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, r, rain ; s, sun ; su, snow.

ddicts take overdoses four times a day

fatal attraction of Piccadilly he homeless drug abuser

officers from Vine station found five addicts in and filly, London That ces the drug squad ive people whose | staff will never o save after over-ve more casualties ament for which

amelioration, let ven in the House last year for deaths lependency in the iom between 1969 owed a rise from 72 in 1974. But to tional figures is since London has f the total number

some addicts who ead a fairly normal intenance dosages drug dependency there are also drug dependency abusers whose life is about 12 years, many of them can one of three places. is Piccadilly, attrac-e of its all-night labyrinth of underrays and the proxio and the Chinese of Gerrard Street, a Elicit heroin. The the casualty depart-

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of addict overdoses. up to half the cases gistered addicts re-cotic drugs such as synthetic substitutes drug dependency and many other barbiturates, which ted a cohort of a situation as eives the lion's share y) but without the ties to cope with it. urate group of drugs ided in the Misuse of

, 1971, and remains

fixed abode, squatting or sleep-ing in the streets. Their income may come from prostitution (the arches on the north side of Piccadilly are known as the "meat rack"), petty theft, and

begging. The backgrounds of the addicts vary considerably, as do their levels of education and intelligence. Drug abuse and the community of souls created by it bind them together.

The registered addicts come to trade because they do not like using synthetic opiates or pharmaceutical heroin. Many began on illegal heroin that includes adultance and includes adulterates such as caffeine and strychnine, and caffeine and strychnine, and these produce an additional effect called a "bang". They trade part of their prescriptions for illegal or Chinese heroin barbiturates to produce

that effect. Chinese heroin has only recently come to public attention, but figures kept by staff at the Middlesex Hospital show its use among addicts as long ago as 1971. Since then the number of addicts overdosed and admitting its use has risen. but it is still only a fraction of

the drugs used. The street price for one sixth of a gram of synthetic or pharmaceutical heroin is £4. The illegal product costs £10 for about 180 milligrams. The price for barbiturates is 50p a pill. The Middlesex Hospital figures for last year show that 340 of the 685 cases recorded

involved that group of drugs.

Between 1968 and 1971 heroin topped the list of individual drugs or mixtures of drugs used in overdoses, but from 1973 onwards twinol, the most popularly prescribed barbiturate, has headed the list.

The barbiturates come from robberies at chemists' shops and the theft of prescriptions. The drug squad has received information that a loss of inform mation that at least six, and possibly as many as 12, London doctors are selling prescriptions

privately. The starting price is Both opiates and barbiturates even more.

Pickwick and remarks about

the expressions on the faces of

counsel for the Crown.

are taken intravenously. The public lavarories at Piccadilly print: lavatories at recreating station can provide the water to dilute the dose, and addicts using them sometimes develop hepatitis or abscesses.

But that does not deter them any more than the overdoses that often occur. The West-minster and Middlesex hospitals have both had cases in which addicts have taken overdoses four times in 24 hours.

Take the case of Peter, in his mid-twenties, who was found at lunch time in subway four, the point of congregation for many addicts in Piccadilly. An hour later he could be seen lying in a deep sleep in a locked room off the casualty department at Westminster Hospital. He had been reated on two consecutive days a few weeks before.

Two other addicts had just been discharged after recover-ing from similar overdoses. On their way out one told a social worker that they were going straight back to Piccadilly for more drugs.

Once addicts have recovered there is little the hospitals can do but discharge them and try to inform the clinics of the registered ones. There is no rehabilitation service at present although an experimental one is planned. If more severe policing was an answer, it would be impossible at present. Police strength in the West End is strained, and they are power-less to do anything about barbiturates anyway.

Subway four presents a legal difficulty because part of it is

recognized as a public place
Officially Peter and others
like him fall into a category of
addict known to the Home
Office as the multiple drug. abuser. Both the Home Office and the Department of Health say that category presents the most serious difficulty on the

British durg scene. However, if treatment policies worked there would be fewer addicts in Piccadily, and con-trol of barbiturates would reduce the crowd in subway four

North-west, where the whole canal business really began when the Duke of Bridge-water, that far-sighted nobleges are asked to avoid skittishness man, caused his " cut" to be dug should not try to rials with "skittish" a judge in the Court said yesterday.

lifting conviction on nica Stares, of Heathverton Road, Hordle, from his Worsley mines to the middle of Manchester in 1761, with the understanding his coal should not be sold for more than 4d a hundredweight

rarely satisfactory."

The case, his Lordship said, was quite bizarre, Mrs Stares, aged 29, a dog breeder, had been convicted of stealing razor For more than a quarter of a century canal enchusiasts in the region have been spending weekends and holidays repairblades worth 171p. She had paid more than £6 for the rest of ing lock gars, removing soggy mattresses, pram chassis, and other objects to which canal water seems to be a magnetic disposal centre and forcing

for 40 years.

A widespread trend, some-times impolitely attributed to

middle-age nostalgia but more kindly described as an interest

in industrial archaeology, has received fresh impetus in the North among those interested

in the history of the nation's

The restoration of canals

and their redevelopment as

playgrounds for those who like moving slowly for a change and who love boats of any

shape, size or function, become an important national pastime

since commercial transport's operators turned their backs

Nowhere has that interest

been more intense than in the

canal system.

on them.

their way through abandoned stretches of famous waterways such as the Cheshire Ring.

Sir Paul Wright, honorary secretary general, London celebrations committee for the Queen's

silver jubilee, raising the jubilee flag on the London headquarters roof at 4 Carlton Gardens

Canal historians make a dream come true

. Now, 216 years since Francis Egerion, third Duke of Bridgewater, built "the first canal of any significance in England to run ecross country rather than following the val-ley of a river" two important events have occurred in the inland waterway world.

A voluntary group has been formed called The Waterway Recovery Group (North-west), and the dream of creating a really comprehensive museum has come to reality on a site dear to the hearts of all canal historians.

Both represent important steps forward in the recogniof a form of transport that determined the shape and location of most of the concentrations of population and industry in the North. The Waterway

Group (Northwest) that it will not just go on talk-ing about preserving the nation's 200-year-old heritage but will be taking an active role in the reconstruction of neglected canals and river navigations. Three existing groups in Manchester and Liverpool will form the basis of the organization and there Salop and North Lancashire.

Regional report

John Chartres Ellesmere Port

The Museum of Inland Mavigation at Ellesmere Port, opened to visitors last summer though far from complete. Eight thousand people visited it at weekends, and it can now beast the biggest collection of canal boats afloat in Europe. There are 15 so far, including such gems as a Mersey and Weaver Flat named Mossdale. which was built in 1878; a 1912 steam tug, the George and the Scorpio respectively short and long boats from the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, and the recently acquired friendship, operated by Mr Joshua Skinner, probably the last of the owner-skippers who worked in the Midlands and

the North-west. A starvationer, one of the narrow, thin-ribbed craft which could slide through the tunnels of the Duke's original under-ground waterways at the Wors-ley collieries, is awaiting ley collieries, is awaiting transfer to Ellesmere Port from the Manchester Museum.

The selection of Ellesmere Port as the location of the museum was something of an inspiration on the part of the founders, led by Dr David Owen, who has just retired as director of Manchester Museum. The local authority has welcomed the idea because the stage pour based almost the town, now based almost entirely on modern industry, has lacked an historical focal

inal existence to its position at a point where the inland canals met the open sea. Volunteers are still restoring basins and buildings at what was the seaward end of the Shropshire Union and Elles mere canal systems.

One of the biggest attrac-

tions is that visitors can see

point although it owes its orig-

how water transport operated in the eighteenth and teenth centuries and at the same time catch glimpses of 10,000-ton tankers sliding by on the Manchester Ship Canal
The project will probably cost at least £150,000 to complete and all available sources of finance from Department of the Environment grants to the sales of souvenirs to visiting children are being drawn upon. The organizers think

they may have one ace card to

In brief

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Stepfather's plea for search help

The stepfather of Miss Janie Shepherd, aged 24, of St John's Wood, London, who has been missing for 11 days, appealed to farmers around London yesterday to search their property for signs of her. He also asked for the public's help in examining allorments, building sites and rubbish dumps.

Mr John Darling, chairman of BP (Australia), asked people to think abour anyone who seemed unusual on February 4, the night his stepdaughter disappeared. Mud found on her car, which was abandoned in west London, is being examined by chemists, biologists and geologists.

Treasure seekers get warning

Customs and excise officials yesterday warned treasure hungers who look for coins on Dover beach that any found should be handed in to the receiver of

wrecks.
At the weekend scores of people, several using electronic equipment, searched for and found coins in sand from the Goodwin Sands that had been dumped on the beach.

Crime reporter dies

Mr Peter Gladstone Smith aged 55, crime correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph since the paper was launched in 1961, was found dead at the weekend at his home in Fulham Road, London, it was disclosed yester-day. Death was thought to be due to natural causes

Patient found

Mrs Elizabeth Hornby, aged 79, the mother of Ruth Ellis, the last woman hanged in the last woman hanged in Britain, was found collapsed on Sunday after disappearing from Brookwood Hospital, near Woking, Surrey, where she is a

Hospital staff walk out

Catering staff walked out of the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, yesterday in a dispute over possible redundancies. The 75 workers are concerned about how an overmanning surplus involving nine jobs is to be resolved.

Injured climber found

Mr Alistair Milne, aged 19, of Crawford Drive, East Kilbride, Strathclyde, was rescued vesterday after he had lain in icy conditions overnight in Glen Falloch, Central Region. He had been injured in a climbing accident.

Correction

In the report of the "Save Our Cities" conference yesterday play—the eventual operation of a horse drawn passenger barge service to and from Cities" conference yesterday
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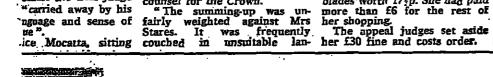
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Gauge Clock indicates the departure of a Swissair

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and Sundays at 14.30 hours,

Palais de la Bourse indicates



Frankfurt. Every day at 10.15 hours, the Little Clock Tower

indicates the departure of a

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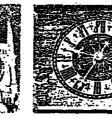
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15.50, 17.00, and 19.30.

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Helsinki. Every day at 08.15

indicates the departure of a

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Brussels. Every day at 10.05

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of a Swissair plane for

Switzerland. And also at

15.50, 20.20, and 21.05.



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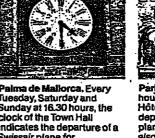
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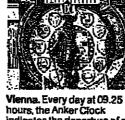
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elected to Haringey council, ondon, as a Conservative in 1968 maintained yesterday that They are completely independhe has been constantly refused ent of Central Office." admission to Tory clubs in the area because of his colour,

The case of Mr Basil Lewis, who says he has given up attempts to use the three clubs involved, is part of the "evidence" of discrimination against coloured people in Conservative clubs to be forwarded to Lord Thorneycroft, chairman

of the party, later this week.
Lord Thorneycroft, who
denounced such discrimination
at the Young Conservatives annual conference at East-bourne on Sunday, will be asked to consider strict sanctions against club managements who refuse to change.

A report, drawn up by Con-servative Central Office staff, is understood to name 12 clubs in London, one each in Leicester and Coventry and several others in West Mid-

lands. Mr Christopher Gent, chairman-designate of the Young Conservatives, suggested yesterday that offending clubs should be forced to drop "Conserva-tive" from their names and that reciprocal arrangements, by which members are allowed to drink at other clubs, should be

The party's main difficulty in forcing clubs to change arises Kohler, community groups officer at Conservative Central Office, said: "The fundamental members.

A West Indian who was first the clubs are under no obligation to give any reason why they do not admit a person.

> Conservatives believe that the 1976 Race Relatious Act, which will prevent clubs with more than 25 members from discriminating against coloured people, could not solve the difficulty. But they fear the embarrassment of possible court action if clubs cannot be persuaded to change, for the Community Relations Com-munity is keeping a close watch

on the situation.

Evidence of sexual discrimination in the clubs is also to be passed to Lord Thorneycroft, and Mr Gent cited the case of a girl of Iranian origin who was refused admission. He said: "We want a two-pronged attack on the problem, one from individual members of clubs and the other from Lord

Thorneycroft.".

Mr Lewis, who says he has been refused admission at Tottenham. Stroug Green and Wood Green clubs, said: "I am not continuing to try to join.

I more or less accept the decision of the managements of

the clubs.
"I applied for membership and I was told it is a 200member club and that there are 200 on the waiting list. I was told I should have to ioin the queue. I interpret that as a because they are autonomous and resent what they regard as an infringement of their individual rights. Mr Mervyn ings at Conservative clubs he had not been allowed to socialize within the club or with

New light on Crosland role in IMF loan talks

By Peter Hennessy New light will be shed on the Cabinet discussions which led up to the International Monetary Fund loan in December in a programme to be screened tonight on independent television. It vividly portrays the role in the events of Mr Crosland as Foreign Secretary. The programme shows him as leading anti-deflation ministers sceptical

of the IMF's demands.
By challenging Mr Healey
and the assumptions put before the Cabinet by the Treasury his Cabinet colleagues saw Mr Crosland as reinforcing his claim to the Chancellorship this sum-

Granada Television has re-created ministerial discussions in its "The Cabinet in Conone of its State of the Nation series, using journalists whose inside information was whose inside information was pooled for the purpose. They were extensively aided by min-isters giving non-attributable briefings after the event. Mr Callaghan issued a minute

to his colleagues, reminding them of the requirements of collective responsibility and instructing them not to coment of Mr Crosland, says in operate with Granada or the programme: "If it were ournalists concerned. Only one Cabinet minister is thought to

A previously unreported meeting in Mr Croskand's room at the House of Commons on the night of December 1, 1976, is disclosed. The Foreign Secretary, travelling back from a meeting of EEC heads of government in The Hague, gained the impression that the Prime Minister would support Mr Healey at the critical Cabinet meeting in accepting

Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, and Mr Lever, Chan-cellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. Mr Crosland explained that Mr Callaghan had been in close touch with the United States and West German governments and had concluded that the securing of a safety net for sterling, his primary goal, would not be possible un-less the IMF's conditions were Mr Lever announced his in-

tention of siding with the Prime Minister and Chancellor as Mr he would offset the deflationary effect of the expenditure cuts through tax concessions in his 1977 Budget. Mr Crosland re-peated his rejection of the economic case made by the Chancellor but indicated that, for wider political reasons, he would avoid precipitating a majority against the Prime Minister in Cabinet next day. In the event, according to

the Granda reconstruction, the Cabinet fell into line behind Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey. Mr to leak from this room that you and the Chancellor had been overruled on this issue, the effect on the pound is unimaginable; the effect on confidence in the Parliamentary Labour Party would be just as serious. The survival of the Government might perhaps be in doubt, and on that basis you have my support."
Miss Norma Percy, who pre-

pared the programme, said yes-terday: "The decision to break collective responsibility was the revised terms of the IMF.

Those present at the meeting, was to put it all together to get during which that information was conveyed, were Mr portant Cabinet decision."

Concorde men

over redundancy

Workers at British Aircraft

Corporation's Concorde factory

at Filton, near Bristol, yester-

day began a campaign of indus-

trial action over a redundancy

They are refusing to clock on

for individual jobs, which is making costing operations diffi-

cult for the accounts department. But they are clocking on and off duty normally. The action comes after a mass

meeting of more than two thou-

sand hourly-paid workers last

The meeting empowered the

shop stewards to take any form

The corporation said yester-

Earlier this month 780 redun-

in dispute

payments dispute.

Tory pledge on council houses

A new deal for council-house tenants and an end to the "unfair" rating system were promised yesterday by Mr Michael Heseltine, opposition spokesman on the environment.

He was speaking at a press the was speaking at a press-conference on his national cam-paign, "Operation Clean Sweep", aimed at assaulting Labour strongholds in the May county council elections.

He said at Solibull, West Midlands, that the Conserva-tives were determined to win control of Labour-controlled councils and create maximum of disruptive action short of striking. The decision was taken coherence when a Conservative government is returned to office. Millions of council tenafter months of negotiation over scales of redundancy payments. ants would be able to buy their day: "Production should not be affected, but obviously today's action makes it difficult to allo-cate time for specific jobs."

On rates he said: "We shall institute a system that reflects people's ability to pay rather than the size of the house in which they live ".

Mr Heseltine was meeting Conservative members of War-

Road. Hitchin.

dancies were forecast for Filton in a planned reduction later this year of 1,560 jobs throughout wickshire County Council to year of 1,560 jobs throughout discuss their campaign for the the corporation's commercial Accused woman admits she joked about killing spinster

No water deficiency, drought report says

capital spending to increase Britain's water supply, accord-ing to a report by The Economist Intelligence Unit on last summer's drought, the worst since rainfall records began.

The report, which was com missioned by a firm of car-wash operators, says there is no inherent water shortage in Britain: the chance of a repetition of a drought as bad as last year's is one in a thousand.

The report also suggests that the argument that Britain is getting less rain because of a gradual climatic change is not accounted for in terms of historical variability. The evidence for suggestions of climatic change is insufficient", the

Because of that, it is not necessary to spend vast amounts on new reservoirs and other on new reservoirs and union supplies of water because the probability of average or near-average rainfall is so high that extra water will not be necessary.

The report says the Drought Act, introduced to deal with water shortage last year, " made rapid and comprehensive action possible. In the event the measures taken—restriction of inessential usage, rationing of domestic supply, measures to augment existing sources were overtaken by heavier than

"Domestic supply was restricted in parts of Wales and Devon. The only industries directly affected were the exterior cleaning of buildings and commercial vehicle washing, not because they were significant users but because they were conspicuous users of water." The report says that by the end of the year, with the heavy

autumn rain, the total year's rainfall was 11 per cent below the long-term average. The report was commissioned by Anduff Car Wash Ltd, based at Reading.
Mr Andrew Railton, a direc-

if the company, says that if the report is right about there being no need for heavy capital expenditure "it must surely be puzzling why water charges to industry and public have increased by some 150 per cent over the past four years. The costs of all the new water authorities can hardly be as great as that."

The Drought of 1975-6 in England and Wales. (The Economist Intel-ligence Unit Ltd, 27 St James's Place, London, SW1A 1NT.)

Although he made no direct reference to the disclosure of Richard Crossman and Mr Joe Haines about the influences

that help to shape policy at 10 Downing Street. Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for

Energy, clearly indicated yes-

terday that he would prefer open disclosure of all Cabinet

discussions while they are

going on, rather than require people to wait years after the

Addressing politicians and journalists at a Press Gallery

luncheon, Mr Benn (carefully insisting that he spoke as an MP and not as a minister),

said: "If Parliament, public and press have now braced themselves to accept the plain and obvious truth that Cabinet

discussions are interesting, vig-

orous and sometimes revolve

around alternative policies, why should even the disclosure of an outline of the points at issue—while these discussions

are in progress—be guarded against so relentlessly and so ineffectively from any risk of publicity?

No newspaper account or

think piece written in the

weeklies, or even a television reconstruction of a Cabinet dis-

cussion, was a satisfactory sub-stitute for the right of Parlia-

ment and the public to know

what the major choices were, before important decisions

events for information.

Political Correspondent



Mr Nicky Lauda, the former world motor racing champion, who was badly injured last year, with the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Robin Gillett, after receiving the international award for valour in sport.

Banks 'nearly cheated of £9m'

The London clearing banks system. It was carefully plancame near to losing 19m ned by Mr Bruce from an south London, through a "simple but almost empty office in Luton while he perfect" fraud code named was receiving social security operate by anyone with a good "The Impress File", Judge Hines, QC, was told at the Central Criminal Court, London, accounts in five days using to swindle the banks of accounts in five days using to swindle the banks of accounts in five days using the contract of the court of t yesterday.

A man disguised in wig and classes set about defrauding the banks by cross-firing cheques on a grand scale, Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, for the prosecution, said. He opened 39 different bank accounts in five days using bogus names and was caught because he mispelt his name on a cheque.

David Stanley Bruce, aged 33, of Archer Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, admitted conspiring with a person unknown to defraud London clearing banks by false representations and other fraudulent devices and having headed notepaper for use in the course of cheating.

He was jailed for 27 months for those offences, and, in addition, a three-month suspended jail sentence for driving while disqualified was brought into operation.

default. It is because know-

ledge is power, and no govern-ment willingly gives up power to the Commons, the public, or

anyone else.
"Open government would

disclose more about the pro-

cesses of decision-making, in-cluding the workings of the Cabinet committee system,

reveal the roles of officials and

advisers, and involve both admitting and encouraging

Undoubtedly the next stage in the struggle for more infor-

mation was about to begin. He

questioned why Cabinet papers should be locked up for 30 years before the public could see them.

"If parliamentary democracy

is, as I believe, a unique sys-tem of government, partly because it allows us to learn

from our own mistakes in time

to correct them, the raw mate-

rial of that experience must be

made available in time to use it for that purpose."

It was not as if attempts to

impose secrecy were effective, Mr Benn acknowledged to an andience, many of whom spend all their working hours trying

pressure upon ministers....

accounts in five days using bogus names. Cross-firing cheques involved taking advantage of the time it took to clear a cheque. Mr Hart-Leverton explained.

In its simplest form it would need two bank accounts, both controlled by the man carrying out the fraud. He would pay into the first account a chaque drawn on the second account. Turee days later when that cheque was presented for payment he would meet it by paying another cheque in from the

If the cheque was for £1,000 it would mean that the banks had paid out £2,000; one on each account. If three accounts were used the amount was doubled, and if there were four it was trebled.

first bank account.

Mr Bruce's plan was to open up 50 accounts in 25 different places and to draw cheques for Mr Hart-Leverton said Mr .52,500 on each account. The on t Bruce and a "Mr Big" embanks chosen were to have been diffic barked on a scheme designed in such places as Hampstead he w to defeat the English banking and Wembley, in north London, fear.

More openness was espe-

cially necessary now that the

main political parties were

coming to be seen and under-stood for what they were:

broad coalitions, embracing

different tendencies within

Labour Party, the annual con-ference, the national executive

and the Parliamentary Labour

Party contained people with many different views, some loosely linked into groups with

their own leaders, supported by

The Labour Party had bene-

fited greatly from its greater acceptance of those tenden-cies: it showed a new maturity

and toleration, and he hoped

that the party would never revert to the intolerant prac-tices of the past, whether against groups on the left or

Mr Benn was obviously re-

ferring there to attacks made on groups such as Keep Left and Victory for Socialism,

their own publications.

Everybody knew that the

was receiving social security operate by anyone with a good benefits.

He opened up 39 hack said in fact far from management of the control o ing to swincle the banks of ousands, as was undoubtedly the intention the defendant ended up by losing almost \$2,000 of his own money because he forget to spell one of his

names correctly." Det Inspector Roger Smith said Mr Bruce's accomplice, had not been traced. Mr Bruce had opened various accounts with different banks with £50. In all his total credits amounted to \$1,750. "As it turns out the banks have lost nothing but bare gained", he said.

Cross-examined by Mr Jack Sarch, for the defence, the officer agreed that Mr Bruce lived in a modest way in a small house with his wife and two children. There was no sign of wealth or high living. Mr Sarch said Mr Bruce was

a devoted family man who had "slogged away" all his life. He was still in fear of his accomplice. Once he had started on the offences he found it difficult to withdraw because he was under pressure and in

tant constitutional doctrine of

dissenting ministers' during the European referendum and

"Collective Cabinet respon-sibility under which all minis-

ers describe, explain and defend majority Cabinet deci-

all experience an immediate

conversion to the majority view at the very moment when the Prime Minister records it in his summing up.

"In my opinion, this recent

ocratic government."

The House of Commons

must seek to open up the

workings of government to greater parliamentary and pub-lic scrutiny,

necessarily obscures instead of have never been a member of

clarifying the great issues of either group, would not want

public policy that are under to see it otherwise.

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Women urged to alert for discrimin The Equal Opportunities Comusission is to recommend that the community working for impanies and the community of the commun

The Equal Opportunities Commission is to recommend that women working for large companies should form "equal-companity committees" to look for examples of discrimina-

A similar committee in the National Broadcasting Corpora-tion in the United States has just won \$2m (about £1.16m) for past and present women employees. The settlement was the result of a lawsuit brought by a women's committee and 16 individual workers.

Because of the difference in legislation, such a suit could not be brought in Britain, according to the Equal Opportunities Commission. "We try to get employers' cooperation rather than using legal coercion," an official said yesterday. "Here, cases have to be brought by the individual, and a group such as this would have to act as separate individuals." The official added that that

kind of group suggested by the commission would operate rather like a safety committee within a company.

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Arms cache found by schoolboys

From a Staff Reporter

Special Branch officers and local detectives yesterday were investigating the discovery of a cache of weapons and explosives by two schoolboys in shrubbery at East Calder, near Edinburgh.

Two .45 revolvers, four rounds of ammunition, 26 stricks of gelignite, and rwo "ropes" of explosives of a type used for scaring birds were found in a plastic bag. There were also two pocket radio sets. The cache was found by

Thomas Crow, aged 12, and Stuart Kelly, aged nine, both of East Calder. Thomas Crow said yesterday that he fired one revolver. "I was knocked on my back and the bullet went into a tree and left a big, hole." The police urged parents in

the area to check whether any material had been taken from the cache before it was reported to them.

parliamentary approval,

were made.

Shadow Cabinet.

MPs who would argue, and I agree with them, that nothing

would do more to strengthen

power of patronage now exer-cised by the Prime Minister

and other ministers must be brought under far greater Commons control."

The Army said in Edinburgh vesterday that the revolvers, a Colt and a Webley, had not been taken from any camp in

Challer on Lab leaders

By Our Political R Mr Callaghan to determine t uture elections f ship of the Labo other the for Labour's next ge manifesto. The Parliamer

Party is to hold a ing tonight to de tion of the La forced on it by the annual confere Before the meeti resolution, which Minister's approv. part, that the pr worked efficiently and t election of the lead 1976, exemplified While most La expected to subs

deciding voice a conference, has a a working party

leadership has b preserve of the parliamentary parvists outside Parliamending a char

Mr Benn wants public to be told about Cabinet discussions The second m morrow, when Cab Mr Benn said more open government had long been hinted at by ministers in all parties as an indication of their sympathy for greater public participation on political decisions, but very little had been done.

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"The said political corressity in the days of Hugh Gaits ship in the days of Hugh Gaits which rankled with the leader.

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"But since the authorized versions of events are so selective, the public gets the gossip Mr Benn, who, said a man-date with the leader.

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Commons control. There were mittee seems to more to its politi

However, the it come from within tive rather than for public office that did not need ministers, although "It was a Labour govern- Since 1949, 85 chairmen of ment that invented the impor- nationalized industries had been appointed by successive Prime Ministers. None of them had been submitted to the sort thus publicly admitted the of confirmation procedures obvious fact that no Cabinet is that the American Congress inever always unanimous on sisted on when presidential everything.

nominations to high office

Power to appoint ministers, vested in the Prime Minister, sions no longer extends to the was constitutionally unfertered.

maintenance of the fiction that In opposition, the Parliamenmembers of Cabinet minorities tary Labour Party elected its tary Labour Party elected its "There are many Labour

executive committee Mr John Chalmers. party chairman, who to open up manifes ments, the Prime recognition of an old reality is the influence of MPs than by deeply reassuring, and not, as is sometimes argued, a sign of tem for the Cabinet when the imminent collapse of democratic government."

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Father who tried to bribe union on

A father who tried to bribe immediately, but in view of police officer not to prosecute your character I feel this can is son was fined £500 with be dealt with by a substantial a police officer not to prosecute his son was fined £600 with £150 costs at St Albans Crown Court yesterday.

police fined £600

Albert Kochain, aged 55, market trader, of Carlton Avenue East, Wembley. was told by a judge that he was very lucky not to be sent to

Judge Hickman said: "If people thought they could make such offers with impunity, then the temptation for young police officers would multiply and the risk that some of them would be corrupted would increase.

Mr Kochain, who, with his son, Philip, owns a stall selling material in Hitchin market, denied offering Der Constable John Packer £300 but was found

guilty of corruption. The detective told the court that he and other officers had found some stolen material on the stall and had questioned the

son. Later he spoke to Mr Kochain and was told: "My boy is young, he gets a bit excited.

If £200 or £300 would settle it

I would be very grateful. Just
tell me how much you need to "It would normally be tell me how much you ne necessary to send you to prison stop it going any farther."

Post Office cuts By Our Labour Staff The electricians' union yester-day won a limited victory in its attempt to reverse substantial

reductions in orders by the Post Office. Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the Elec-trical, Electronic, Telecommuni-cation and Plumbing Union, said he had received a promise from Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, of an independent inquiry into the running of the Mr Chapple, addressing

meeting of members in Central Hall, Westminster, said the Government had also agreed to the union's demand for a telephone marketing campaign by the Post Office and manufacturers. " We have had a little success, he said. "We have moved the Government partially." About 30,000 members of the

union were on strike yesterday, with many thousands of worker with many thousands of workers from other unions in support. The firms most affected were Standard Telephones and Cables, Plessey, GEC and Pye, and the impact of the action was greatest in the north-west and porth-east of England, and in

The electricians argue that the Government has failed to intervene to prevent 15,000 jobs from being lost through curs in Post Office orders for new

'Part success' by Labour warned of dangers if devolution guillotine fails reassura reminder "of the party's pledge, Labour supporters in Scotland are clearly anxious about the possible consequences if the timetable motion fails. But many MPs are equally concerned about innecessions.

The Scottish executive of the Labour Party has warned all Labour MPs of the conse-quences for the party if a guil-Bill fails. A letter signed by Mrs Charlotte Haddow, chairman of the party in Scotland, points out that a pledge to set up a legislative assembly in Scotland was made by the party's Scottish conference and by the national conference and was included in both Scottish and English manifestos.

A defeat at this stage would

supporters. A Labour Party spokesman in was clear that a vote on a timetable motion would be closely run. "We feel we ought to make our voices heard through-out the party, in case any MP A defeat at this stage would overlooks the promises that put the party, especially in have been made. The party is Scotland, in a difficult position. cumpletely pledged to setting

cerned about imposing a guillo-tine on a Bill that has generated

so many amendments and which

has apparently few enthusiastic

Although Mr George Robertson, up this assembly and it would vice-chairman of the Scottish be very difficult to face the executive, said the letter was electorate at the next election no more than a "gentle if that pledge was broken."

Girl was kept from school to mind handicapped baby

Mrs Monica Thornton, of sister's 18-month-old handi-Haynt Walk, Wimbledon, Lon-don, who kept her daughter, she should have been attend-aged 15, away from school for ing school. "It was a monastic six months so that she could life, where the child had no care for a baby suffering from contact with adults", he said. care for a baby suffering from Down's syndrome, was fined £15 by Wimbledon magistrates yes-

Mrs Thornton said that she was now paying for private Mr Donald Burt, an educa- tuition at home for her tion welfare officer, said the daughter and an adult to care girl had looked after her dead for the baby.

Promotion ! on extren tourism in assisted-are:

By Our Political Rep.
Labour supported
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seas Development, said be stupid to deny t-culties were involved matters. But, looking evidence of Labour since 1964, "no balanced person" co clude otherwise than t entryists and subversi been conspicuous by t of substantial, as disti verbal, impact.
The minister, who w

ing at Southampton Ussaid: "Whatever the c istics of the govern which I have the ho serve, it is clearly no to Trotskyism". Naturally, because the

part is not.

"The Conservative course, suffer from the problem", he added.

ists, quasi-fastists and political flat-earthers infiltrate them", bu

groups were no more ty. the average Tory Part ber than the Trotskyist the ordinary general co-member of the Labour

denied at St Albans Crown court, Hertfordshire, that she had killed the old woman. Mrs Bailey said she migh have joked about killing the old Eileen Barley, aged 39, is woman to get her money, but accused with her francé, Ter-

aged 91, of Brampton Park talking generally with friends

lover of plotting to kill a after changing her £25,000 will wealthy old spinster for her money admitted yesterday that she had talked of how to commit the perfect mudder. Grant the perfect mudder. Grant the perfect mudder of the committee of the committ rance Lammin, also aged 39, both of Sleaps Hyde, Stevenage, of conspiracy to murder and of murdering Miss Julie Baridon, to kill Miss Baridon. I was not planning to kill Miss Baridon. I was

The prosecution alleges that fect murder.

A woman accused with her Miss Baridon was murdered Mrs Bailey said she might have joked about killing the old

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the old lady dead. I thought she was my fiance's grandmother."
Describing her last visit to
Miss Baridon, Mrs Bailey said: "I was very frightened and didn't know whether she was dying or not. I remembered my friend had told me that if someone was going to die you with the tablets, but she d could remove the pillow from take enough to harm her.

under their head. "If they were going to die then they would die, but if they weren't going to die, they wouldn't. So I removed the two wouldn't. So I removed the two pull the sheet over her head pillows from under her head when she died." Then she looked like she

"I had no reason to wish wasn't breathing, and I thought she was dead. I pulled the sheet over her face, but then realized she was breathing and pulled back the sheet quickly. I put the pillows back under her "I now think Lammin was

> "He was crying and hysteri-cal and I said I had smothered her as well, to stop him blaming himself for her death. I did not smother her or do anything but The trial continues today.

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trying to kill Miss Baridon with the tablets, but she didn't Scotland equipment.

It also wants the removal of the "penal" morning rate for telephone calls and a cut in tele-phone installation charges.

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as a whole he felt it right in this case.

Mr Maurice Orbach (Stockport, South, Lah)—As Mr for her and her family I want to congranulate Mr John on his reply.

Mr Whitelaw was a member of the Government which released Leita Khaled, the first terrorist who was arrested on an aircraft, and handed over to the Metropolitan Police.

When she was in Holloway jail I visited her on a number of occasions and I found she was teaching illiterates to read and write. She was teaching art to prostitutes, dope smugglers and pickpockets.

Her request for parole was supported by the warden, the welfare officer, her tator, by the art teacher and by me. That was in view of the fact that she expressed regreet for what she did and because after serving half her term the would make a reconstruction. because after serving half her term she would make a good contribution to society.

Mr John-The effect of the term of imprisonment upon the individual is one of the things the Home Secretary has to bear in mind when he considers a particular recom-

The Home Secretary, whoever he is, bears a heavy responsibility and has a difficult task. Lord Carr, I notice, has paid great tribute to the Parole Board and of their care before making such a recommenda-

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C)—Would the minister consider the effect on the IRA? This release, after only four years for an extremely serious terrorist offence, is an encouragement to others to do the same. Will not the morale of the IRA be increased?

What effect will this have on the police who risked their lives on our behalf? There is in the police service revulsion and anger at what the Home Secretary has done.

(Conservative cheers.)

Mr John-Nothing I have said will, I hope, be taken in any way as condoning or giving any encouragement to the IRA. We have all condemned their crimes in this

Regarding the members of the RA sentenced last week, the pro-cedure in life cases is completely different to the procedure for determinate sentences, in which the law allows for consideration of parole after one-third of the sen-

I pay tribute to the work of the police force in this and other cases. The police know well that the Home Secretary has individual of ase, after going into it the Home Secretary felt to do so. The Home ogether with Mr White-person.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick upon Tweed, L)—There is public con-cern that terrorist prison sentences may not amount to what they may not amount to what mey appear to amount to. The fear is that they may last for only a short time. It is important we should establish a system in which the public can have confidence. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr John—The public is fully aware of the parole conditions because these have been publicly amounced and there is no secrecy in this. Sentences of life imprisonment with a recommendation for a minimum term, are different.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (East Thanet C)—This release may be setting a disturbing and dangerous precedent. (Conservative cheers.) Those who take part in terrorist bomb attacks, in the view of the overwhelming majority of the people, deserve and receive heavy and deterrent sentences. deterrent seniences.

If there is any commutation of those sentences there is likely to be a loss of morale among the police and security services and among the public.

mr John.—No precedent is being set. This person was considered for parole in exactly the same way as other persons who have determinate sentences. The Home Secretary obviously looked carefully at the criteria in such cases before he assented to this recommendation.

The public is entitled to be

The public is entitled to be aware that parole is available for prisoners who have determinats sentences. The Home Secretary is resiling from the attack on

Mr Whitelaw—We in this House and some members of the public appreciate the position of the Parole Board and the difficult decision the Home Secretary has to take in the majority of normal cases; but it is thought in the House and certainly in the country that terrorist activities are in a different category and should be looked at in a different way. The minister's answers clearly do not satisfy the House that the protection of the public has the

first priority. Can he give an assurance that in future, in any terrorist cases, the protection of the public and the morale of the police and all those fighting terrorism will be the first criteria in any such decisions? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr John-I have already indicated that the first consideration is the safety of the public and of society. It is important to build up the morale of the various forces that have to do with the fight against terrorism, but the chief protection

of society is a humane method of releasing people when it is thought that they will be able to re-enter society and play a useful part in it.

the Far East is a matter for other countries besides this one and there are problems. We should not be diverted from More than enough the present problem of getting Concorde into New York as our principal objective in the develop-ment of that aircraft's internation-Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Have not the dirty tricks brigade in New York had the field to themselves long enough?

Middle management in industrial democracy

The position of middle management would be considered in consultations on the Bullock report. Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, and during questions from the property of the form of the property of the property

Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C) asked what represen-tations the Government had received from trade unions against the majority report of the Bullock

Mr Dell-To date I and my depart ment have received 17 letters about the Bullock report. None of these have been from trade unions.

Mr Miller—Representations need not necessarily be made by letter. The workforce of this country has become demoralized by the continuance of pay restraint, by unemployment and the manifest failure of Government to adhere to any consistent industrial or commercial policy. They are unlikely to be bought off by a couple of seats on the board.

Mr Deli-It is necessary to have third phase. I regret the level of unemployment. It would be desir-able to have a system of worker directors in this country.

Disappointment that the New York authorities had not yet given their approval for Concorde was expressed by Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade.

We and the French (he said) have been in touch with the United States Administration at the highest level. We are considering what further action might be appropriate.

wappropriate.
Mr Stephen Hastings (Mid-Bedfordshire, C)—Air France and British Airways are operating to
Washington on about a 90 per cent

load factor. The evidence to date indicates that the noise levels and environmental impacts do not con-

stitute a problem.

In these circumstances I agree wholeheartedly with what he has just said. He should bring the man from the new to hear on the

imum pressure to bear on the new American administration in what to us must be an entirely unsatis-

to us must be an entirely unsatisfactory and unacceptable delay.

Would it help if he could press on with the introduction of services to the Far East? This might serve to concentrate the American mind and also help in regard to orders in that part of the world.

Mr Dell—We are bringing pressure to bear on the United States Government. We have indicated to them that this is a matter with which public opinion in this country and in France is deeply concerned.

The development of services to

Mr John MacGregor (South Nor-folk, C)—Has he seen the speech last week of the chairman of the

Getting Concorde

into New York

Mr Dell—The position of middle management in the German system

management in the German system is one of the things I discussed fully when I was there. It is an important aspect of this matter. It is not necessarily true that a special constituency is the right approach, but it is something we will consider. Mr Cecil Parkinson, for the Oppo-sition (South Heritordshire, C)— Many of us feel that this important long-term decision should not be part of any short-term wage deal with the trade union movement. Will be assure us be will do his best to make sure it is not?

Mr Dell—Certainly. I noticed that Mr Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, said on television that he did not regard this as any part of a short-term deal. What we are going for here is a long-term settlement. That is why we are engaging in serious consultation.

Mr Dell—His comments are wise.
Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (Kensington and Chelsea, C) asked
if it was intended to include
provision for the appointment of
audit committees in large companies as an element of the proposed Bill implementing the
recommendations of the Bullock
committee.

committee.

Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary for Trade—We are examining proposals for audit committees alongside the more fundamental reappraisal of the structure of companies, including the composition and function of the board of directors, following publication of the Bullock report. I cannot unticipate the outcome of this.

Sir Brandon Rhys Williams—The question of the audit is separate from the issues raised by the Euflock report. In North America the practice of appointing audit committees is becoming almost automatic. Legislation in this country

National Enterprise Board in which he pointed out the serious danger of leaving middle management out of participation, describing them as the odd men out?

In view of the Opinion Research tentral survey establishing the serious decline in morale and motivation of middle management, will he ensure their interests are properly and fully taken into account that some trade he ensure their interests are properly and fully taken into account that some trade he ensure their interests are properly and fully taken into account that some trade he ensure their interests are properly and fully taken into account that some trade he management in the process of consultation?

Mr Dell—His comments are wise.

Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (Kensangement in the German system slington and Chelsea, C) asked some time, That we intend to do.
Mr John Nott, chief Opposition
spokesman on trade (St Ives, C),
later said that the Conservative.
Party could not see why it was
right to by down a legislative
framework. By proposing legislation Mr Dell could not ensure the
flexibility which was available on
the continent, which the Opposition wished to see in this country.
Why is it he wishes (he said) to
propose a legislative framework?

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propose a legislative framework? We are against it.

We are against it.

Mr Deil—We wish to propose a legislative framework because I think there is no other basis on which we are likely to have any success in this sphere.

I am by no means certain that he is right in saying that a legislative framework is inconsistent with framework is inconsistent with flexibility. On the contrary, we would hope to work out a legislative framework which was consistent with flexibility.

Documents an MP handed over to be used in prosecution of constituents

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Luton, West, Lab) raised a matter of privflege relating to criminal proceed-ings and an MP and his constitu-

He said that recently during the course of his parliamentary duties he had received certain documents which he had reason to believe came from constituents. He passed them on to the relevant Govern-

ment departments and the contents were discussed with the police. I subsequently gave permission (he said) for the documents to be examined by experts, and the result is that crimical proceedings may be taken against my constitu-ents and I may be called as a witness for the prosecution in the

Mr Dell—We have made our feelings plain to the United States authorities at the highest level. The field has not been left to the dirty tricks brigade. On the contrary a successful presentation has been put on in New York by the consuls-general of this country and France which have persuaded a considerable segment of influential New York opinion that it would be valuable if Concorde was allowed into New York. proceedings. On Friday I was asked to make a statement in respect of criminal proceedings against these constituents. I will be required to produce the documents to which I referred. Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab)—Are the Government pushing strongly enough the organization of regular flights to the Far East and Australia, since it is highly desirable to get this matter settled as soon as possible? I said before making any statement that I would seek to raise the question of privilege with the

Is there any question of privilege Is there any question of privilege in relation to the documents? Is there any question of confidentiality arising out of the relationship between an MP and his constituents? Is there privilege or otherwise in an MP giving or refusing to give evidence on criminal charges that have arisen from his parliamentary duties?

Does any privilege attach to

Does any privilege attach to communications between an MP and his constituents and, if so, does that privilege exist to protect the constituency MP or MPs in general?

In the case of a solicitor, priv-flege existed to protect the client. This could, as the House has seen recently, have unfortunate conse-quences. Is the MP in the same

solicitor to his client and were the documents privileged?

documents privileged?

There was no criticism of the way the Government department or the police had acted and their relationships had been entirely friendly. Nor, if there was any offence as alleged, would be wish to be seen to condone it directly, or by inference. It might be that certain people had tried, unsuccessfully, to deceive him in an illegal enterprise.

The Speaker (Mr George

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—Mr Sedgmore gave me notice that he intended to seek my ruling on these points and he has carefully kept to the exact wording of the note that he gave to me. I can therefore supply some of the can therefore supply some of the

The first question he asked was whether any parliamentary privi-lege attached to these documents. The answer is "No". Whether the courts might hold that the documents which he referred to enjoy qualified privi-lege in law is a matter for their concern. It is for the courts not for

On the second question whether he had an obligation of confidentiality to his constituents in case such as this, I think it would be unwise for me to offer specific advice in individual cases. There is no rule of this House on the sub-ject, such as there is a rule of practice which certain professions have adopted and MPs must be

have adopted and MPs must be guided by their own judgment in these difficult matters.

His other question was whether he was free to refuse to give evidence in a court on this matter. Fortunately our good book Erskine May is able to help us here. The status of MPs as witnesses is described on pages 101 and 102 and I suggest he consults that passage.

No grounds into Labour

There were no grounds for an inquiry under Sestion 32 of the Companies Act, 1967, into the affairs of Labour Party Properties Ltd, Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secretary for Trade (Hackney, Central, Lab), said.

He added: This is a company limited by guarantee and, in the absence of issued stare capital, the directors cannot be in breach of the disclosure provisions of Section 32 of the 1967 Act.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester

mou 32 of the 1967 Act.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C)—In addition to this problem, the company seems to be appallingly badly managed, leading to possible negligence by the directors. Now it is insolvent and probably trading illegally, he should set aside party bias and appoint inspectors to see what has gone wrong in this disastrous example of a property floy. what has gone wrong in ims disastrous example of a property flop.

Mr Davis—What is abundantly clear is that Mr Riddler, as a former minister in the Department of Trade and Industry annil he was sacked, has clearly not taken the trouble to do his homework in this matter. It is clear that Section 32 has no relevance.

has no relevance.
On the criteria for investigations under Section 165, neither I, nor the Secretary of State, are in the least concerned with the identity of the directors or the aims and objectives of the company except in so far as they relate to an inquiry.

inquiry.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—It is no part of the Labour Party to become property speculators, as apparently was the case way back in the 1950s. We all ought to welcome the recent statement of the newly elected treasurer of the Labour Party (Mr Norman Atlainson, Haringey, Tottenham), that under his stewardship we shall get out and honour our obligations.

Mr Davis—I do not think that has

Mr Davis-I do not think that has Mr 12415—1 do not finit first has anything to do with me as the minister who may authorize an investigation under the Companies Act. I do not believe that the company in question was engaged in property speculation at any time.

Blood donation rejected as a penalty

Mr Michael Brotherton (Louth, C) asked the Secretary of State for Social Services, to seek powers to require those found guilty of making false social security claims to give one pint of blood every six months for a period of two years. Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security—No. The voluntary donation of blood is the principle upon which the National Transfusion Service has been based, and it sion Service has been based, and it is a principle which we would no wish to change.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons

House of Lords Today at 2.15 Patents Bill, committee slage. Public Lending Right Bill, and Passenger Vehicles (Experimental Areas) Bill, second reading.

rch talks crucial textile industry

developing world have to trade and there have to be controls if the textile industry in this country is to survive.

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Mr Douglas Hoyle (Nelson and Coine, Lab)—The last multi-fibre agreement was regarded by many in the textile industry as meaningless in many respects. Many of the that the first round of about the future of the irrangement took place Textiles Committee in

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lecember. neeting (he said) the man made a strong favour of the arrang major changes. A fur-1 of discussions is take place in Geneva at 1g of March.

n-These negotiations I as being crucial to the the British textile in-Mr Dell give an underthe Government will pursue a most vigorous these negotiations and persuaded by anyone to built-in increase in im-

uso arrange for a recesto be inserted into the When does he expect tions to be concluded? I agree entirely that tiations are crucial to industry. are discussing our nego-ation within the Euro-

articular points Mr entioned such as a reces-, are among the points d mind in renegotiating Arnold (Hazel Grove, original agreement was demonstrably false pre-tely that the developed ald always require more

nunity. The first state-e Community's position

quotas were too high. Mr Dell-We will certainly press for a new multi-fibre agreement with major changes along the lines that have been discussed with both sides of the industry in this country.

country.

The existing agreement is not meaningless. It has provided a valuable degree of protection to the industry in this country. the industry in this country.

Mr John Nott, chief Opposition spokesman on trade (St Ives, C)—
Changes are necessary. Burden sharing within the Community is important. When is there going to be an opportunity for him to discuss with his European partners the present burden sharing arrangements which in our view are not fair to this country at present?

Mr Deil-That will arise when the present arrangement is renego-tiated. Burden sharing arrange-ments are a valuable feature of the existing agreement and are the sort of thing we would wish to see continue.

continue.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East, Lab)—An article in the American magazine Business World clearly indicates the fundamental differences of approach between American negotiators and the EEC negotiators. The Americans are anxious to make political capital in countries like Taiwan, Korea and Brazil and the EEC are anxious to see that the last agreement, which cost 400,000 jobs in the British textile industry, is not repeated. textile industry, is not repeated. Mr Deli—I am aware that the American approach is different to that of the Community. The level of penetration of the United States is much lower than that of the

It was based on the pre-the developed and the

Mr Ken Marks, Under Secretary, Environment, in a written reply, said: Most of the impounding reservoirs in England and Wales are full or nearly so and some are overflowing. Supplies should be assured in almost all areas even if next summer proves as dry as the last.

Skyrrain project.

Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary State for Trade (Birkenhead, Lab), announced that after careful con-sideration, he had decided not to the Court of

appeal against the Court of Appeal's decision on the Laker

are engaged in negotiating a new agreement with the United States.

Our policy remains one of single designation and capacity rationalization on long-hand routes and we shall continue to press this on the

I am sure that the tailoring of

United States Government.

Mr Dell accepts court decision: will ask US to permit Skytrain

careful condicted not to the Court of Laker of Skytrain as licensed by the Court of Laker of Laker of the Lak Civil Aviation Ambority.

I must emphasize that the Government's general policy of spheres of interest between British Airways and British Caledonian remains unchanged. This policy has received the approval of both Manner of Brahamour. The interest

He said: The Court of Appeal found against the department in the case of Laker Airways versus the Department of Trade in respect the Department of Trade in respect of the vires of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the guidance issued to the Civil Aviation Authority in February, 1976 and of the use of the Crown Prerogative in relation to the possible de-designation of the Laker Skytrain under the United Kingdom/United States Air Services Agreement, generally known as the Burmuda Agreement. After careful consideration I have decided not to appeal against the Court of Appeal's decision.

I shall ask the United States Houses of Parliament. The inter-pretation placed by the Court of Appeal on Section 3 of the Civil Aviation Act. 1971, could cause

Aviation Act, 1971, could cause difficulty in licensing policy.

Consequently I propose to introduce legislation when parliamentary sime permits to clarify the situation. In the light of the foregoing I do not think it would be helpful at this stage to issue new guidance to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Mr. Bert Bost (South-Fact Derby-Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derby-shire, C)—Welcoming the minis-ter's belated recognition that not I shall ask the United States authorities now to act on the designation of Laker Airways under the present agreement. This agreement is, however, due to expire on June 22 this year and HM Government agreement agreement agreement agreement of the control of the

ter's belated recognition that not even this Government can place themselves above the law and get away with it why has it taken so long for him to accept that be exceeded his powers?

Will he give full-hearted rather than half-hearted support to the Laker Skytrain project. Will he confirm that he intends to pay compensation for the damage and financial loss that his unjustified vendetta against Laker Skyways has caused. has caused.

t am sure that the tailoring of capacity to demand on North Adantic routes commands general support in the interests of the British economy, of airline pas-sengers and of the conservation of fuel. Mr Dell-He should accept that Mr Dell—He should accept that there was a reasonable case that the policy approved by this House in respect of Laker Airways was within the law and it was right that case should be tested in the courts as it was challenged by Laker Airways. The court of first instance As regards the period after the expiry of the agreement I am already in discussion with Mr

No question of compensation arises.

In view of what previous administrations know to have been the helpful attitude of the United States Federal authorities, will he put it so President Carter that we shall regard it as a test of the sincerity of his commitment to fair play to see that the trial ordered by Secretary Coleman is allowed to take place as soon as possible, and

take place as soon as possible, and that that will disprove all the fabri-cations composed by the anti-Concorde industry in New York for

Mr Dell-We have made our feel-

Mr Deli—We are pressing on. On the other hand there are problems like transit over India which are not resolved and problems related to the availability of aircraft and trained crews. We have to decide where our priorities lie.

where our priorities lie.

It is my judgment, and British Airways agree, that the first priority is to get Concorde into New York.

Mr John Nott, chief Opposition spokesman on trade (St Ives, C)—Our negotiating position is strong. He has the Conservative Party's

full support for getting Concorde into New York and we wish him the best of success in his endea-

a long period.

into New York.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—Neither I nor any of my colleagues thought any more than the former Secre-tary of State (Mr Shore) did when

tary of State (Mr Shore) did when he announced his policy that it was altra vires, but nevertheless so it proved to be.

Does Mr Dell remember that in a letter of August 27, 1975 a senior official of his department informed Mr Laker that the United States Civil Aviation Board was ready to process his application speedily if the Secretary of State himself changed his mind upon it?

There is every reason to think

There is every reason to think that now he has changed his mind there should be a speedy affirmative response from the United The best token of his sincerity in this matter would be now to invite Laker to join British Caledonian and British Airways as scheduled carriers at the Bermuda renegoriation talks.

Mr Dell-I am aware of the correspondence to which Mr Tebbit refers. It was stated that the CAB would give prompt attention to issuing a permit if the British Government once more took up the question of the Skytrain licence with the United States authorities.

I should not conceal from the House that there could be considerable delays under United States procedures before Skytrain can

They said it was an experiment. My own judgment is that we are more likely to have success. In getting Skytrain into the United States if we negotiate a separate memorandum of understanding. This is a matter about which Mr Laker may wish to make representations to me. That is my present the state of the osition. I believe that would be a nore effective way of dealing with the matter.

Mr Terence Higgins (Worthing, C)—How much money has been wasted by the Government and Laker Airways as a result of the decision of the Government to vote against the amendment which the against the amenoment which the Conservative Party moved when we debated the guidelines?

Has he any legal basis for giving guidance under the assumption he made when the guidelines were debated? If not, it is imperative that there should be immediate begistation rather than a period

legislation rather than a period during which the Government is taking action for which they have no legal justification.

dance in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the guidance we have under considera-tion has been judged to be ultra vires, but guidance can still be

The important point is that the spheres of interest policy which this House approved remains the policy of the Government and will continue to be implemented. In so far as legislation, particularly in respect of Section 3 of the Civil Aviation Act, requires clarification we will propose a clarification we will propose a clarification. cation we will propose to clarify at an early date. Meanwhile I do not think any serious difficulties in implementing policies of separa-

tion of interests will occur. Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—In the light of Mr Dell's decision Pan American, TWA and British Airways might apply to run a similar service across the Atlantic. As regards British Airways if that were the case what rould the Covernment's reacwhat would the Government's reac-

Mr Dell—It has always been argued in the discussions on this matter that, if Laker's Skytrain operated, others might wish to

legislation rather than a period during which the Government is raking action for which they have no legal justification.

Mr Dell—If he had listened to Mr Tebbit he would bave heard him say that no one in the House thought the guidance given by the then Secretary of State was ultravires. It was a matter of doubt. It behoves him no better than it does anyone else to triumph in this matter.

As for the legal basis for giving guidance it is permitted for the

Secretary of State to give guidance problems here that will have to be under this legislation. The gui-Mr John Nott, an Opposition spakesman on Treasury and economic affairs (St Ives, C)—While we welcome his acceptance of the Court of Appeal ruling, whatever else he may say, it involved criticism of his predecessor for acting altra vires of the law.

We are also glad that there is at least one socialist minister who accepts that the rule of law applies to Labour ministers as arell as to every other citizen in this country. We will wish to reserve our posttion on the legislation. I cannot give any assurance on that at

present.
We are glad to hear Mr Dell will be giving his unqualified support to Laker in arriving at a Skytrain service to the United States. Will he use all his powers to try to ensure that the United States Government issues the necessary permits to ensure that Mr Lakirs operations can go right through to operations can go right through to 1982, which is the date under which his present licence is due to expire?

Mr Dell-I do not think any comment is necessary about what he says about the rule of law.

I envisage negotiating a separate arrangement with the United States Government to cover the operation of Skytrain as licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority and that means until 1982.

That is what I shall try for because that is what the licence says. The method I decide upon to styte of the state of the states of the states of the states of the state. I have said I shall not the Linited States.

le deficit of 22m with in 1976

Overseas trade statistics fain's crude trade deficit rest of the EEC in 1976 22m, £164m less than in Michael Meacher, Under for Trade, said during le told Mr Neil Marten C) that figures for the icti on a balance of paysis were not yet available as a whole. Month after month we

on told that these figures aprove. If one takes the rigures on a yearly basis at a rate of £2,600m a ten will we have the so-enefit for being in this acher (Oldham, West, acher (Oldham, West, his is a matter for conject a strict economic basis, is not quite right to say is not been any improvements three quarters of: United Kingdom deficit a EEC was reduced by while our deficit with the the world worsened by 500m.

aglas Jay (Wandsworth, a, North, Lab)—The for the EEC show an immt only if we include Den-d Ireland who were in tree th us before we joined the gures for the Six were even

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hat but our trading experi-ace entering the EEC has

Promotion of tourism in assisted areas

The Government hoped soon to make an announcement on policies

tively. Mr Meacher (Oldham, West. Lab)—United Kingdom earnings were increasing faster than expenditure abroad last year and the favourable balance was improving from £239m in 1975 to over £400m in the first nine months of

in the past year has been a success story? What positive ideas does he have to encourage the tourist in-dustry and develop this healthy mend ? Meacher—I welcome

Mr Meacher—I welcome his remark that this is one of Britain's great success stories. We have the tourism guidelines which we brought in November, 1974, and are gradually coming to fruition in conjunction with new policies, about which I hope we will soon be our trade with Japan than 2 EEC. And with the United also there has also been a lat worse deterioration than a FEC.

to promote pairism in the develop-ment areas, Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Trade, said. Mr Michael Neubert (Havering, Romford, C) had asked what were the estimated gross foreign currency earnings attributable to United Kingdom tourism, the amounts spent by United Kingdom citizens on holidays abroad and the resultant balance on the tourist account for 1975 and 1976, respectively.

Mr Neubert—Is it not clear from the reply that at a time when there was little else to cheer about, growth to United Kingdom pourism

responsibility for negotiating on behalf of the American Govern-ment. They are capable of making that point themselves, if they wish

More talks with US on transatlantic flights

An economic assessment made clear that British proposals would benefit both the airlines and the travelling public, Mr Edmund Dr. I, Sccretary of State for Trade (Birkenhead, Lab), said when ne answered questions on progress made in renegotiating the Bermuda agreement with the United States.

He said: During the recent visit of the United States Vice President, the Prime Minister (Mr Callaghan) and I made it clear that we hope the Americans will be prepared to negotiate meaningfully at the next round of talks on February 28 in London.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C)—We wish him well in his efforts to secure a better share of the air transport traffic, particularly on the North Atlantic, for British airliners.

Has he yet discovered that the American authorities have un intention of restricting their airlines by a policy of single designation on the North Atlantic? His policy is therefore becoming impracticable in that direction as well as unlawful, in trying to force single designation in this country.

Mr Dell—I appreciate his opening remarks. I note what he says about the impracticability of my proposals, but I hope he will not take on responsibility for negotiating on

Nothing I am doing in this area is unlawful. I have a right under the law to negotiate on this basis, and that is what I propose to do.

It is open to the House of Commons, if it does not like the agreement when it is made, to express that view.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—In retrospect, does he feel these negotiations have only succeeded in souring relations with the United States on other matters, particularly when crucial decisions on Concorde are being approached?

The best line would be to sur-

approached;

The best line would be to suspend discussions on the Bermuda agreement, and broaden discussions with the United States to take on board such matters of Skytrain.

Mr Dell—He is mistaken in his remarks. We are entitled under the existing Bermuda agreement to fly Concorde into New York. One of the characteristics of the agreement, evidently, is that it has not yet enabled us to enforce that right. That is an inadequacy of the Bermuda agreement. I hope he will support me in trying to get a better agreement in that respect, as well as others.

There is no need for these negoas well as others.

There is no need for these negotiations to sour relations with the
United States. Undoubtedly, our
proposals cause difficulties for the
United States because we wish to
have a better share of the revenue that arises in air transport, involving our two countries. That is inevitable. If we state that as an object

Power plant exports

Mr Michael Meacher, Under-Secre-tary for Trade (Oldham, West, Lab), said the Government hoped to make a statement soon on helping the export efforts of the elec-trical power plant industry.

tive, I hope that is the right objec-tive. I hope I take the Opposition with me in that view.

Disappointing response so far to job release

Mr John Golding, Under Secretary for Employment (Newcastle under Lyme, Lab), moved the second reading of the Job Release Bill which, he said, gave statutory authority to the Secretary of State to allow him at a time when unem-ployment was introlerable high to ployment was inmierably high to pay an allowance to full-time workers, and with some exceptions to those registered as memployed who were approaching pensionable age, so long as in consequence job vacancies were created for the registered unemployed or the com-petition for jobs among them was

reduced.

reduced.

The Bill was needed to give legislative sanction to the Government's new job release scheme which was designed to create addiwhich was designed to treat admi-tional opportunities for unem-ployed workers, particularly younger ones, by making it pos-sible for older workers to leave work earlier. It was due to run until June 30, 1977.

The scheme was based on the simple proposition that at time of high unemployment it was better for older workers to take it easy and have a well-earned rest with an allowance than for younger people to become more and more frus-trated because the joist were not there for them and be forced to live on unemployment and supple-mentary benefits.

The scheme offered a tax free allowance of £23 a week for up to one year to people within one year of their statutory pensionable age—in practice men of 64 and women of 59—on condition that in the case of the internal lored, they the case of the unemployed, they employment or certain other benefits, and in the case of those at work released by their employer, that the application was made with knowledge of the trade union

concerned, and that the employer recruited as soon as possible a full time replacement from the unemployment register.

The new worker did not necessarily have to fill the same job. Although the scheme was described as a job swap scheme, there was no insistence on a direct swap.

The scheme was voluntary. It would be against the policy of his department for any pressure to be

department for any pressure to be brought on individuals. Employers had a right to choose to operate the scheme or not.

Those drawing the 123 mx free allowance and supplementary benefit, if necessary, would be debarred not only from drawing unemployment, sick and injury benefits, or non-contributory invalidity pension, but also from receiving widow's or widowed mother's allowances, widow's pension or invalid care allowance.

The response so far had been

The response so far had been lower than be had hoped. There had been approximately 8,000 applications and 1,737 from employed workers and 4,775 from unemployed workers had been approved. It had been hoped to approved. It had been hoped to remove up to 65,000 from the unemployed register in Great Britain and up to 3,300 in Northern Ireland, and while those tigures might not be realized, he boped they would not fall too far short.

The cost of the scheme was hard to artifacts but if the more transfer.

to estimate, but if the targets were achieved then the gross cost would be about £73m in Great Britain and about £4,500,000 in Northern Ireabout 14,500,000 in Northern fre-land. The job release scheme would be relatively cheap to run because of the substantial savings on unemployment and other benefits, which would give a net cost of about £27m in Great Britain and £1.500,000 in Northern Ireland. The cost had forced the Govern-

ment to restrict the scheme to assisted areas, which included just over half the total unemployed. Perhaps if the scheme was successful, as he hoped it would be, and if they could find the necessary funds to do so, they might be able, after careful consideration, to extend it. The Bill allowed variations in the conditions to be made by the Secretary of State for particular schemes. He could decide on the parts of the country in which they were to be payable, the period of payment so long as it was temporary, at what age individuals might qualify and what constituted a level of unemployment, astiying the introduction of schemes.

Mr David Madel, for the Opposi-

the introduction of schemes.

Mr David Madel, for the Opposition (South Bedfordshire, C), sald the background to the Bill was a dramatic increase in unemployment and a strain on the special relationship between the Government and the TUC.

The Government were in a race against time. They, bad to reduce unemployment if they were going to get anywhere in a deal on phase three and they were in a race to get more effective schemes off the ground so that many young people who were out of work would have a better opportunity of training for a job.

The figures showed the majority of applications for job release were from people who were already on the unemployment register. Therethe memployment register. Therefore a problem had arisen for the Government. They were really dealing with two categories of people. They were paying £23 a week to create job opportunities and they were paying a lot of money to remove eople from the unemployment register.

He took it that the Government would like to see the situation.

would like to see the situation reversed with more people coming

therefore creating the opportunity of a job rather than people coming forward who were unemployed at

the moment.

It appeared that the Government still had an open mind whether to extend the scheme into the assisted areas. The Government should state whether small part-time earnings would be exempted under the scheme.

Mr Frederick Silvest, for the Opposition (Manchester, Withington, C), said that threequarters of

the people applying for the scheme were on the unemployment reg-ister.
The net effect would be about 20,000 jobs and the cost of it about \$1,350 per job. The inclusion of the unemployed was a major fault in the Bill. The Government should consider whether this was the most intelligent use of the money. intelligent use of the money.

Mr John Grant, Under Secretary for employment (Islington, Central, Lab), said the Bill was flexible. Job release was not a way of reducing normal retirement age. That would be a for more fundamental change. If the retirement age for men was cut to 64, the total cost to public funds would be semething like \$220m a year extra, Since the 1975 Budget the Coverament had made over \$150m available in order to create or keep open more than \$500,000 jobs and training places. That could not be written off as chiecken feed.

written off as chlecken feed. It was essential that they got a renewal of the social contract. At the weekend the Leader of the Opposition, Mrs Thatcher, made a opposition. Mrs Thatcher, made a speech at the Young Conservitives conference which was an act of political cowardice. She sheer political cowerdice. She made no reference whatsperer to

this.

The Bill was read a second time.

Technique of M Barre wins hearts of voters

From Charles-Hargrove Tarbes, Pyreness, Feb 14 M Barre, the Prime Minister, set out today on another pro-

vincial tour, to meet, as he put it, "the deep France, the France at work, which concen-trates on the national interest". For this visit—the first last

month was to central France where he concentrated on agriculture and local administra-tion—the Prime Minister has chosen the south-west. He will be examining the problems of employment and vocational training there. The region is under-industrialized, and the income from agriculture is about one-third below the

national average.

The Government's aim is to promote the development of medium and small firms and of the food industry, while help-ing with important regional projects like the extension of the harbour of Le Verdon, at the mouth of the Gironde, and the creation of a strong petrochemical industry.

. M Barre emphasized that he had come to Tarbes because it was a medium-sized town which had succeeded in preserving the had succeeded in preserving the quality of its environment and where an especially successful effort had been made to promote adult training. But there are not enough outlets for young workers there and they have to migrate to other

regions.

Today's programme took him to an adult training centre and gave him the opportunity to meet local officials, representatives of the municipality and of the professions both in Tarbes and in Mont de Marsan, the capital of the Landes. The reaction of men and women in the streets illustrated the success cess of the Prime Minister's personal approach, which has produced his startlingly high score in opinion polls in the past few weeks. Everywhere he goes, he listens with great atten-tion and painstakingly explains the national problems. His manner differs sharply from the average vote-getting politician's. He does not strive for effect, but treats his audience as adult and tells them the facts
While he was touring a train-

ing centre at Tarbes, some of the trainees he talked to said they wanted to stay and work in their home town. This gave M Barre a chance to preach the virtues of mobility of labour, which Frenchmen have still to

One sign that the Prime Minister's anti-inflation plan is beginning to produce results is that the trade union organizations at first agreed to meet him and discuss their grievances, but in the end they decided not to.

Swedish Government said today

ful appeals to Argentina for

help to secure the release of a

schoolgird kidnapped in a Buenos Aires suburb last month.
A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Dagmar Hagelin,

aged 17, a Swedish citizen who is the daughter of an Argentine-

born businessman was visiting a girl friend when two armed men ordered her to come with

them. When she tried to escape, they shat and wounded her. He added: "We have pro-

ceeded on the assumption that

the men were from a military unit or had the backing of such a unit and that the Argentine authorities are thus responsible

Senor Cunhal's

Rome, Feb 14.—Señor Alvaro Cunhal, leader of the Portuguese Communist Party, left by plane for Lisbon today after three days of talks that failed to bridge differences with Italian communists.

The two parties, however, promised to develop "friendly

cooperation along their different roads
A communiqué said the talks between the leaders were marked by a "climate of cordiality, frankness and friendable".

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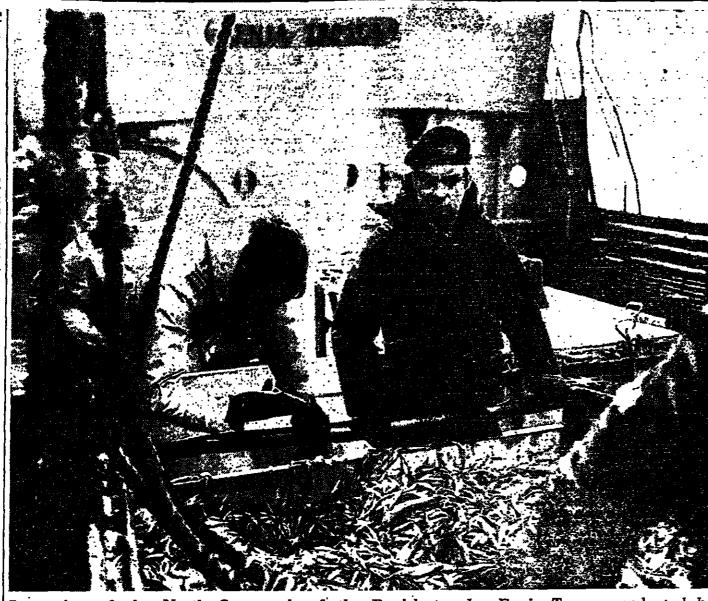
Italian

had made several unsuccess-

Stockholm,

fate of kidnapped girl

Feb 14.—The



Inspection of the North Sea catch of the Danish trawler Fenja Trosca conducted by Lieutenant-Commander Ken Brierley (left) and Lieutenant Chris Massey-Taylor to check for over-fishing inside Britain's sector of the EEC 200-mile zone.

Mulley warning that Nato military Newspapers lead is being eroded by inflation

By Richard Davy Mr Fred Mulley, the Defence Secretary, said in Munich at the weekend that Nato's margin of superiority over the Warsaw Pact is being eroded as the Soviet Union's capability in-creases and as the defence budgets of the allies come under increasing pressure from inflation and competing social and economic priorities".

The resources available to members of the Western alli-ance, he said, were "much less than five years ago we hoped or expected they would be". At the same time ministries of

equipment and personnel.
"The problems that are thereby posed for the allies", he said, " are thrown into re-lief by the continued growth in

Argentina asked to explain Release of

He said that despite repeated

requests through embassies, the only reply from the Argentine

authorities was to tell the girl's father that she was still alive.
"We are considering bringing up the issue at a higher level", the spokesman said without

The Stockholm newspane

Expressen has suggested that

the Argentine police or military

are behind the abduction. It said witnesses had reported that one of the kidnappers was a local police corporal. The news-

paper also said that neighbours

thought Miss Hagelin's girl friend was a member of the Montoneros urban guerrilla group.—Reuter and AP.

Efta opens hunt

beat recession

Stockholm, Feb 14.-The big-

gest meeting of the European Free Trade Association (Efta)

ever held was declared open here today before 135 delegates and 11 observers from the seven member governments.

The delegates, representing governments, business and trade unions, will try during the two-day conference to hammer out a strategy to fight unemployment, weak economic growth

and monetary instability."

for ways to

are concerned not so much by the present threat but by the momentum of growth."
The Soviet Union was devoring about 12 per cent of its gross national product to

military expenditure.
Mr Mulley was addressing the fourteenth international Wehrkunde conference at-tended by politicians, officials and others concerned with defence matters. Among those present were Herr Leber, the West German Defence Minister, Senhor José de Medeiros Fer-reira, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, and (significantly in view of Spain's interest in joining Nato) some Spanish

Mr Mulley came in for criticism when he went on to say that he did not believe that "in quantity and improvement in the foreseeable future" the quality of the military capabilinate Nato governments would be ties of the Warsaw Pact. We persuaded to advance defence

Basques

raises hopes

Madrid, Feb 14.-Spain has

released four Basque nationalist leaders, the first of an estimated 200 political prison-

ers, in what their lawyers said could mean a widening of the

said a general political amnesty still had to be approved by the Cabinet. The release at the weekend of the four Basque nationalists had been a deci-sion taken by judicial authori-

Opposition leaders, who were meeting Señor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister, tonight for

more talks on procedures for a general election later this year, were likely to raise the question of the prisoners' release.

The four Basques, arrested in 1974 and serving sentences

had been a major obstacle to

an amnesty. Their release surprised their

families. Bilbao, Feb 14.—About 250

sources said today. Neither gov-

There are a million people personality of the Basques, the out of work in Efta countries.

expenditure to a higher priority grammes. An American senator said that if this was true it was

tragic .

Discussing ways of using limited resources more effi-ciently, Mr Mulley said it would be a profound mistake to rely more on nuclear weapons. He hoped for improvements in technology (though innova-

was not cheap), some limited specialization and stan-dardization (though some diversity was desirable) and for greater. "interoperability" -of equipment.

The rewards of substantive disarmament could be great. but "we shall need to see real evidence that the nations of the Warsaw Pact are actively committed to détente ... excessive one-sided enthusiasm for detente could lead the West

Downing Street discussions for Dr Soares By Our Diplomatic.

Correspondent

Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, arrived in London yesterday for ralks with Mr Callaghan at Downing

He was met by Dr David Owen, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, in the absence of Mr Crosland who was seriously ill. Dr Owen later attended the talks at No 10, with Dr Medeiros Ferreira, the Portuguese Foreign Minister.
Dr Soares is making a tour of EEC capitals and after giving

a press conference this morning flies on to Dublin. Seveso decontamination

efforts criticized

of from six to 15 years, were set free in Madrid, Zamora and Cadiz. This followed the police rescue last Friday of two top officials kidnapped by urban guerrillas and whose detention and these major in the set of the set Rome Feb 14
Professer Arnaldo Liberti, head of the atmospheric pollution laboratory of the National Council for Research, in Rome today blamed the increase in the cases of the skin disease chloracne due to dioxin poison at Seveso on the lack of a proper priests have signed a letter to the Pope asking him to set up one ecclesiastical province covering the Basque regions of both Spain and France, Church

effort at decontamination. The attempt at decontamination of the houses by removing dust by vacuum cleaning and then washing walls and floors with water and detergents had no scientific validity. More-over, it was moving the poison to other places. He complained that he had

oratory to the regional authorities early in August but had had to wait until October before being allowed to carry out tests in the contaminated area. Dioxin could be destroyed by the sun's rays and by ultraviolet rays if it was on the surface, he said. His method was to fix the poison with a liquid fixative and then destroy it with ultra-violet rays. He had experi-mented with this method. He had a request for the re-

sults of his experiments from Professor Ton That Tung, of the University Hospital of

the University Hospital Hanoi, a leading expert

hit by Netherlands

The Hague, Feb 14

Two Dutch national evening newspapers, the NRC Handels-blad and Het Vrije Volk, falled to appear today as strike action and other sectors of industry. The leading morning news paper, Algemene Dagblad, will not appear tomorrow and none of these papers will be able to

Later in the week three more national dailies will disappear from circulation if a agreement has not been reached.

Strike action is building up, as the unions planned, day by day. The only difference separating the unions and employers now is the question whether the real rise in income—over and above automatic compensation for the increase in the cost of living will be the 1 per cent maximum offered by the employers or the 2 per cent minimum demanded

More workers were called out today in the ports and on buildtian trade union federation, rep resenting a quarter of organized labour, has said that it will not ask members to support new strikes, since the issue which began the conflict eight days ago—automatic compensation for the rise in the cost of living

-was settled at the weekend.
However, the Netherlands
Federation of Trade Unions,
which represents the rest of organized labour, claimed that CNV members supported today's

leader sees Mr Carter From Patrick Brogan Washington, Feb. 14 Senor José Lopez Portillo, the new Mexican President,

was greeted by President Carter as a "close friend" when he arrived in Washing-ton today at the start of a state visit. This is the first official visit

for either president and they both referred to its symbolic importance in their speeches on the White House lawn.

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now in the United States range between six and eight million and the Immigration Depart-ment believes up to a million

to help 350 pi appeal of Mgr Lamont

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Mgr Lamont: 10-day wait.

purely a political matter?" he The state counsel said the sentence was not excessive when

whether the guerrillas in Rhodesia were confirmed communists.

"The perforists say they are doubtedly without precedent in Rhodesia. Marxist communists and yet no one outside Rhodesia seems to recognize the fact." the Chief justice said. "Is it not well known that the communists are recognize Christianity? Have we The state counsel also argued that the bishop had taken it

rorist cause.

After the hearing Mgr
Lamont said he was "not competent" to pass judgment on

justice you prepare the way for communism", he said. "We must prevent commun-

the bishop had set himself up in opposition to the Government of Rhodesia counsel said. But the bishop was opposed to the Government's racially discriminatory policies and laws. The judge said he understood the bishop's statements to be a general attack on the Govern-ment on the basis that it was



citing others to commit the During the hearing today Chief Justice MacDonald held

compared with sentences similar cases, although agreed that the case was "

upon himself to decide what his attitude would be towards the country's laws and went on to suggest that Mgr Lamont had shown sympathy for the ter-

the legal argument. "I am not a politician. I have tried to make that clear. I am concerned with social justice and where there is no observance of social

tice. For that reason I am happy because my being brought to court gives the African people the real realization that the Church is serious in its intent to promote social justice as a basic element of its mission."-

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Syrian tanks close on refugee

Beirut, Feb 14.—Fears of a result of quiet diplomacy. They on frontation between Israeli quoted Mr Shimon Peres, the nd Syrian troops in southern Defence Minister, as saying ebanon were allayed today that he was glad the control. Beirut, Feb 14.—Fears of a confrontation between Israeli and Syrian troops in southern Lebanon were allayed today when the Arab League peace-keeping force, mainly Syrian, was withdrawing from an area near the Israeli border. Eyewithesses said that about 200 Syrian troops had left Nabativa. Syrian troops had left Nabatiya. seven miles from the border. The exewitnesses reported that the Syrians had pulled back to positions round Habbouch, Haitoura and Aishia, which are

OVERSEAS____

Salisbury, Feb 14.—Judgment in the appeal by Mgr Donal Lamont, the Roman Catholic

Bishop of Umtali, against a 10-

year jail sentence for failing to

report black nationalist guerril-

las in his diocese, will be given

on February 24, the Rhodesian

Appeal Court decided in Salis-

Mr Hector MacDonald, the

Chief Justice, said at the end of

the hearing that the delay was

due to pressure of work on the

The bishop, who is 65, is appealing against the sentence imposed on October 1 last year after he had pleaded guilty to

four counts or failing to report

the presence of guerrillas and

leasthy discussions with the

bishop's counsel on the Church's

role in not involving itself in constitutional matters and on

against Christianity? Have we had convincing evidence

that terrorists have murdered missionaries?"

10-year prison term with hard labour was "manifestly exces-

the first time the Rhodesian courts had had to punish anyone of the bishop's standing.

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The bishop's counsel said the

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its judgment in-

Rhodesia court delays

respectively one mile north-west, 10 miles north and five miles north-east of Nabatiya.
The Syrians never deployed inside the town, which is controlled by Lebanese leftists and their Palestinian allies. Reports from Israel said that

the Syrian withdrawal was the

through diplomatic means. - According to-sources close to the Syrian leadership, Syria had earlier assured the Israelis that it had no intention of provoking a confrontation with Israel in southern Lebanon.
The total strength of the

versial issue was being ended

had been estimated at no more than 500 men and about a Soviet-made T55 tank In Beirut tension ran high after the Arab peace forces surrounded Palestinian refugee camps on the south-west outskirts. Tanks, mortars and rocket batteries were brought

bard-line guerri last week betwe troops and gu Arab diplomat

that Palestinian established cont the camps when about 2,000 -- Rep

Sanction breaking ch Mexican dismissed by Russians

Mr Carter said that good relations with one's neighbours

must be the basis of a sound foreign policy. His next visitor will be Mr Trudeau, the Cana-dian Prime Minister. The two presidents will dis-

subjects usual on such occa-sions, but there is one real problem which might be too delicate for them to examine closely; the extensive illegal immigration of Mexicans into the United States.

Estimates of the numbers of illegal immigrants from Mexico

Union today sharply denied East European co British charges that it had lating the sanction traded with Rhodesia through In Gengva 66

three Swiss companies, thus violating United Nations resolutions on sanctions
Tass recalled the Soviet
Union's "position of principle"
toward the Zimbabwe (Rhodesian) people, and last week-end's denial by the three Swiss firms that they had been "a cover for socialist countries' trading operations with Rhode-

A reliable United Nations source confirmed on Friday that Britain last year accused

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Busing 'helps black pusand the Crown - Political States of the

From Peter Stration New York, Feb 14 Evidence that the busing of Liberary designed to From Peter Strafford

schoolchildren, designed to bring about a better racial balance in schools, can have good results for black pupils has been produced in a report by the Chicago Board of Education

The report finds that a number of black children aged between eight and 13 have improved their performance in reading and mathematics after

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ring of another. The charge sheet listed involving more than le is to be sentenced day and faces a maxeven years' jail. Ben-itto pointed out it il for parties to raise ler a 1973 law closures are expected the ruling Labour the national elections

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he money | Mr Clerides has doubts about the Makarios-Denktash formula but is ready to support it

From Robert Fisk Nicosia, Feb 14

Mr Glafkos Clerides seems to be the last man to suggest that he will ever achieve high political office. Ask him whether he thinks he will become Vice-President of Cyprus if the Communists withdraw from the Makarios Government and if his own party—the right-wing Democratic Rally—steps into the breach, and he simply refuses to discuss the question.

As Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, was insisting yesterday that a future federal government of Cyprus should be secular, there are those among both Greeks and Turks who suspect that Mr. Turks who suspect that Mr Clerides just might have his eye on the chair of the head of state.

Put this point to him, remind him that Mr Denktash has exnum that MIT DERKLASH has ex-pressed admiration for him and that Archbishop Makarios has said privately that he would not object to his inclusion into the present Government, and Mr Clerides, a stout man with large eyes and boundless energy, will stare at you from the sofa in his office. He will remain completely silent, motionless save for the cigarette which he flicks up and down in his lips as he contem-

plates each question.

But Mr Clerides is not quite that reticent. He agrees that if the forthcoming Vienna talks on a Cyprus bicommunal federal government are successful, he will move in to support

Israel sceptical

coexistence offer

No enthusiasm has been

aroused in Israel by reports from Vienna that the Pales-

tine Liberation Organization has sent Dr Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, a docu-

ment expressing willingness to

accept Israel's existence, and that Dr Kreisky sees this a "a

A Foreign Ministry spokes-man in Jerusalem said that Israel's attitude remains un-

changed. It will not deal with the PLO until the Palestinian

organization amends its coven-

ant to abandon the aim of destroying Israel and until it accepts the United Nations

Securit Council resolution 242. Mr Kraisky's belief in the

PLO'S desire for coexistence

with Israel does not impress government leaders in Jeru-

total change of policy".

From Our Correspondent

about PLO

Jerusalem, Feb 14

of the instructions given to the Greek and Turlish Cypriot representatives who will go to Vienna. He is a lawver as well as an opposition politician, and he pulls apart the known details of the Makaries Darkten he pulls apart the known de-tails of the Makarios-Denktash talks last Saturday with almost

legal precision.
"The talks", he says, "were a good development because it was the first time since 1963 that the Archbishop has talked to Deaktash. But the guidelines which they formulated for the negotiators in Vienna are a little vague.

"They can be interpreted in various ways. A great deal will depend on whether both sides will give specific instructions so that the interlocutors do not waste their time arguing about what was meant.

"For instance, they have said that the new central government of the federation shall be such as to ensure the unity of the state of Cyprus. . . But is it going to be a Greek central government or a strong central government? Or will there be representatives of the two communicies in the control munities in the central govern-

"... And 'freedom of move-ment', 'right of ownership', 'freedom of settlement'—these you can argue about for days. ... More specific instructions are going to have to be given by each side as to what the objectives are." Mr Clerides's experience as a representative at the inter-

Cairo, Feb 14.—The Egyptian Parliament today expelled

an independent member and

Kamel Eddin Husain was 281 for, 28 against, 3 abstentions and 48 absent.

Chamber when the vote was taken. He had been invited to

President Nasser. He fell out with him in 1964 and was placed under house arrest, but

was freed by Mr Sadat.

defend himself.

Criticism in telegram leads

former vice-president for crit-Husain sent to the President icizing President Sadat and on February 5, the day after describing last week's referen- he announced new law and

dum on the anti-riot measures order measures, was a "serious as "play-acting". o "constitutional

to "constitutiona" values, traditions and proce-House for the expulsion of Mr dures".

It was not immediately for its failure". The referen-known if Mr Husain was in the dum ordered by the President

Like Mr Sadat, Mr Husain is one of the 12 "free officers", all previous referendums".

who overshrew King Farouk in the revolution of 1952 and was vice-president under the late and 19 over Government.

riots.—AP.

to Cairo MP's dismissal

ever, about the arrangements that a federal state should be being made for refugees in set up in Cyprus and he Cyprus and about the vagueness supported this idea as long ago

"I pointed out that the way things had developed after the coup (of Mr Nicos Sampson) and the Turkish invasion, the Turkish side would insist on a bizonal federal state and that if a solution was to be found, it would be on this basis. . . . And now the Archbishop has also moved from talking about the ratio of land to be held. the ratio of land to be field by one side or the other accord-ing to population percentages, towards wider criteria like land ownership listed in registries."

Mr Clerides makes it clear—without actually saying so—that he believes President Makarios has made more concessions than Mr Denktash in their talks. He believes that the refugees from northern Cyprus could be in serious difficulties. "If the resulting agreemen meant that refugees would not

be able to go back to certain areas, there is only one alternative—to compensate them. A fund will have to be set up and out of this fund, compensation will have to be paid. Several countries might contribute." He will not specify which countries he has in mind although Britain is almost certainly one of them. He denies that he wants to become a negoriator in any future talks, but he adds: "If the agreement on Cyprus is a reasonable and viable one and the Archbishop decides to accept it, then certainly we will support it."

The legislative committee that recommended his expul-

"punishing-the people instead of punishing your Government

on his anti-riot measures was play-acting that "will be rigged by your respectable

ordered food price increases

which were revoked by the President at the height of the

Yugoslavia's premier: Mr Veselin Djuranovic, aged 51, head of the Montenegro Communists' League, was yesterday named Prime Minister of Yugoslavia. Mr Djuranovic, whose appointment has to be confirmed by Parliament, will replace Mr Dzemal Bijedic, killed last month in an air crash. Mr Djuranovic's nomination was approved at a meeting of Yugoslav leaders, headed by Marshal Tito, at Igalo, in the south Adriatic, where the Yugoslav head of state is staying. Another Montenegran, Mr Dobroslav Culafic, is at present acting Yugoslavia's premier: Mr Veseslav Culafic, is at present acting as Prime Minister.

Uganda plot woman 'foiled by arms find? Russia

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Feb 14 President Amin today denied reports of a widespread purge in Uganda, but said two Uga-dans were killed by security forces in Gulu, northern Uganda, when they resisted a search in which more Chinese weapons were found.

He said the arms and ammunition were sent to Tanzania for the guerrillas in southern Africa, but were smuggled into Uganda at the instigation of former President Obote with the support of President Nyerere of Tanzania. His statement said Israel also supported the plot.

Captured documents had revealed the names of all those involved, in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and other

His statement, broadcast by Uganda radio, said the first arms were discovered near the Kampala home of the Rt Rev Janani Luwum, Anglican Arch-bishop of Uganda, Rwanda and bishop of Uganda, Kwanda and Burundi, on February 5, The President said a plot against his government had been foiled by the arms find.

He said the Archbishop was named as a conspirator by some of those who had been arrested. He claimed more weapons were found near the house of another Anglican at Tororo, on the

Kenyan border.
President Amin said four alleged ringleaders had conwere named as Mr Abdalla Anyuru, former chairman of Uganda's Public Service Commission and Mr Ben Ongom. station's passport control office.
They also seized a three-page carbon copy of a typewritten article by Mr. Ludvik Vaculik, a signatory of Charter 77. In the article, entitled "A Cup of Coffee with the Interrogator", the article described how the

ern Europe, quoted Mr Dubcek as denying a report in the Aus-trian Communist newspaper, Volksstimme, that he had refused to sign the Charter 77 human rights manifesto. Before I was requested to leave the train, I was searched slovak Government statements harshly condemning Charter 77 and interviewed for an hour by three uniformed customs guards. that I had been given by the Foreign Ministry in Prague on Thursday, and unused com-The search and painstaking in-spection of my luggage took

From Paul Hofmann Gmund, Austria, Feb 14 Czechoslovak police ordered

me off the Prague-Vienna express on Saturday night, held

me incomunicado and confis

cated notebooks, other papers

The material taken away at the border station of Ceske Velenice included the carbon

copy and a French translation of a statement attributed to Mr Alexander Dubcek, the former

chief of the Czechoslovak Communist Party whose liber-

alization experiment was ended by the Soviet-led military in-vasion of Czechos ovakia in August, 1968. The sight of Mr

Dubcek's name may have been

he reason for the stern police

The statement, already pub-lished by newspapers in West-

and unused stationery.

place in an empty first-class compartment with all curtains drawn, between the stations of Tabor and Ceske Velenice.

When the guards read Mr Dubcek's name, they visibly stiffened and tensely continued examining the other papers with even greater attention. At Ceske Velenice station, where I again was questioned, I asked to be allowed to make telephone call to the United States Embassy in Prague or joined the customs guards and told me to get off the train. While it proceeded to Vienna, officials in uniform and plain clothes again went through my luggage in a room of the the writer described how the police had questioned him.
Other material confiscated at Ceske Velenice and nor returned included copies of six of my dispatches from Prague that The New York Times published less weak Emplish translished last week, English trans-lations of two official Czecho-

'New York Times' man tells of border harassment

Czech guards hold US reporter

the Charter 77 group and other people in Prague.

At the Ceske Velenice station, where I again was questioned, I asked to be allowed to make a telephone call to the United States Embassy in Prague or to Vienna, but the request was denied. I spent the night on a chair in an unheasted room of chair in an unheated room of the passport control office. A police captain in uniform apparently the station commander, said with a sneer: "Here you aren't in America."

Released on Sunday morning. carrying my luggage, I walked for two miles past wooden watchtowers on the Czechoslovak side of the frontier into the Austrian town of Ground. Coffee, offered by an Austrian cuscours inspector, tasted good after 18 hours without food and only water to drink. Then there was a wait for a taxi to Stockererau to catch a train to Vienna.

—New York Times News Ser-

vice. Washington, Feb State Department said it would lodge a strong protest with the Czechoslovak Government

'Helsinki' free to leave

Moscow, Feb 14.—A promin-ent member of the "Helsinki" human rights group set up by Soviet dissidents said today that she had been given permission to emigrate.

Miss Lyudmila Alexeyeva, a historian who is 49, said that she had been thinking of leaving for some time and finally applied to do so last month. Permission came through only 10 days later, on February 1. "For once my personal plans coincided with those of the authorities. Usually they clash", she told reporters by telephone. The group was set up last May to monitor Soviet adher-

ence to pledges on human exchanges and basic freedoms made in the 1975 Helsinki declaration on East-West détente and human rights. Miss Alexeyeva was one of three members accused last month by Tass of having links with the Paris-based People's Labour Alliance (NTS), an anti Soviet organization run by Russian émigrés, KGB (security

police) agents raided their homes The others, Dr Yuri Orlov, the founder of the group, and Mr Alexander Ginsburg, have since

Although Miss Alexeyeva is not Jewish, the Soviet authorities gave her permission to emigrate to Israel.

Miss Alexeyeva said that she, her husband Nikolai Villyams, who is 50, and their son Mikhail. aged 23, had been told that they should leave by next Monday.
They hoped to settle in the United States.—Reuter.

Two Norwegian diplomats expelled by Moscow Moscow, Feb 14.-The Soviet said she had a love affair with

Union today expelled a Nor-wegian diplomat and said an-other who left last year would mor be allowed to return. The move was seen as retaliation for Norway's recent expulsion of six Russians.

The Norwegian action fol-

a Russian Today, Mr Petter Graver, the Norwegian Ambassador, was in-formed that certain members of his mission were "engaged in activities incompatible

their status". He was told Mr Knut Mugaas, a commercial lowed the arrest three weeks counsellor, must leave and Mr ago of a woman clerk at the Kaare Hauge, a first secretary Foreign Ministry in Oslo on assignment to Tokyo, would charges of spying for the Soviet not be allowed to return.

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GREAT BRITAIN in Jubilee Year 1977' A Special Report

The first Special Report on Great Britain to be published by a leading German national daily in the 1970's.

The editorial will deal with the following main sections:-

'GREAT BRITAIN in Jubilee Year 1977'is to be published in May, and the editorial will be written by leading authors and DIE WELT's* London editors.



*Die Welt is a newspaper of the Axel Springer Publishing Group.

Addis Ababa, Feb 14.—Signs that only genuine revolution-of some ill-feeling towards the aries would have a place in appointment of Lieutenant-colonel Mengistu Haile-Mariam He told graduates of the as Ethiopian head of state Guennet military school: "To

Ethiopian troops open fire

emerged today in spite of warnings about strong repression of

on demonstrators

Small demonstrations, involving mainly students, were reported from several parts of the city over the weekend. On Friday it was announced that the 39-year-old colonel had been made chairman of the ruling military council, the Dergue.

Gunfire was heard from several areas where troops moved in, but there was only one report of some shooting of demonstrators. In other cases, troops were said to have fired into the air to disperse the

A few posters have appeared in the city calling Colonel Mengistu a "fascist". Informed sources said there had been numerous arrests, particularly

of students.
Colonel Mengistu gave a warning in a weekend speech

He told graduates of the Guennet military school: "To sit idle while our enemies ... are plotting against our revo

lution and unity, through the coordinated efforts of reactionary rulers in neighbouring countries under the patronage of imperialism, is to neglect our historic obligation." Informed sources said some

of those involved in the shooting of demonstrators were mem-bers of the Flame Division, a new force trained for counterinsurgency but in part a defence unit for Colonel Mengistu and his Dergue colleagues.

Although there have been minor protests by people apparently connected with the underground Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, there has been little sign of general public reaction against the appointment of Colonel Mengisty... Reuter

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fusal of the military authorities

Brazilian police torturing minors, lawyers report He and his colleague, M Mario Stasi, described the re-

Rio de Janeiro, Feb 14.—Two French lawyers have compiled a report in which they accuse Brabilian police of torturing common criminals and minors, as well as political prisoners.

In a dossier which the lawyers intend to send to the International Commission of Carholic Jurists of the Peace and Justice Commission of the Vatican, the lawyers single out the criminal investigation division in San Paulo as one of the worst centres of torture of comon criminals and minors.
"When the torture of minors

to let them see a political prisoner in Sao Paulo, Senhor Aldo Arantes, as proof that he had been tortured. Their request to have him examined by independent doctors was also rejected. dent doctors was also rejected.

The lawyers, who spent a week in Brazil, said the use of repression against political prisoners had been reduced generally, but only because repression had caused opponents of the Government to be less active. In green white prolitical prisoners are present to be less active. active. In areas where police used repressive methods, "the torture is practised with the same intensity and quality as before", they said.—Reuter. becomes a routine in a country, it is a sign of the gravest human rights in that country", M Jouis Joinet said

300 on day trip to Antarctic

Sydney, Feb 14.—The first day trip to the Antarctic was organized yesterday. But the closest the 300 tourists came to the ice-covered wilderness was 6,500ft above it in their Boeing The ten-and a half-hour flight from Sydney was organized by Mr Richard Smith, a business-man in electronics, who said that he had always wanted to see the "great southern ice."
After champagne was served the polar tourists returned

Forged sermons are circulated 🕡 Warsaw, Feb 14.—Booklets

containing forged sermons of the Polish Roman Catholic primate have been circulating recently throughout the country, Church sources said

The text of the forged sermons, posted mainly to priests, tries to make Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski appear a supporter of Marxism and the communist sources said.—Reuter.

Furore over consequences of Cincinnati verdict

Jailing of sex magazine publisher upsets censor-fearing liberals

New York, Feb 13

The jailing of Mr Larry Flynt, the publisher of Hustler, a pornographic magazine, in Cincinnati last week has

on the decision.

Both The New York Times and the Washington Post have criticized the Cincinnati court in leading articles. The American Civil Liberties Union says those involved have "not only those made Cincinnati a laughing stock, but actively chilled the exercise of constitutional rights throughout the nation ".

Few of these critics hold any brief for Hustler, which the Washington Post describes as "perhaps the most vulgar of the new breed of slick sex magazines". They object to what they see as an attempt by a conservative community to censor what the rest of the country can read.

Hustler, a nationally distriba conservative community to censor what the rest of the

uted magazine, is neither published nor printed in Cincinnati, nor distributed from there. Cincinnati is, however, the headquarters of a group known as Citizens for Decent York or Miami or Butte."

The problem as liberals see started a new furore over the rights and wrongs of censorship in the United States.

Many possible in the United States. ship in the United States.

Many people in Cincipnation are jubilant, but opponents of censorship across the country have made some angry attacks on the decision.

Many people in Cincipnation charges against the magazine and Mr Flynt on the grounds allowed local communities to that they had aided and abetted the local distributor in publishing obscene material.

They were also charged with the problem, as liberals see it, began with a 1973 Supreme charges against the magazine allowed local communities to establish their own standords to bring it, began with a 1973 Supreme charges against the magazine allowed local communities to that they had aided and abetted the local distributor in of what was acceptable.

They were also charged with

and convicted of, engaging in

If the verdict is upheld any publisher, whether of books, magazines or films, could find himself charged anywhere in the country where enough conservatively minded people objected to what he was doing.

There have already been similar cases in places such as similar cases in places such as Kansas and Memphis, Tennes-

feel their forebodings have

possible to ban any paper or any journal or magazine in some benighted place."

The concern of the prosecution, The New York Times considers, "clearly went far beyond the control or even the banning of a magazine offensive to its community. By jailing the publisher of a national publication, it was groping for a procedure by which one of Mr Douglas's 'benighted' places might become the self-anointed protector of the nation's marsls".

Mrs Pandit supports

country since the state of emer-gency was imposed in June,

"The corrosion of democracy must stop", Mrs Pandit, a for-mer President of the United Nations General Assemby, told a press conference at the home of Mr Jagjivan Ram, the former Agriculture Minister.

Mr Ram resigned from the

Ruling Congress Party this month. He heads an opposition group known as Congress for

Mrs Pandit, who retired from politics in 1969, said: "I have remained a passive spectator far remained a passive spectator far too long, but I cannot live at peace with myself if, by my silence, I seem to agree with the destruction of all I have been taught to hold dear."

Mrs Pandit has had a distinguished career in Indian

politics. She was ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1947 to 1949. ambassador to the United Stares from 1949 to 1952 and

High Commissioner to Britain from 1954 to 1961. She also led the Indian delegation to the United Nations for a number of years and was President of the General Assembly in 1953-54. She is a former governor of Maharash-

tra state and was an MP until she retired seven years ago. Mrs Pandit said she would not be joining any political party, but would campaign for candidates of the Congress for Democracy and of the main opposition Janata Party, with

which Mr Ram's group is allied. Observers believe her alignment with the opposition could he a significant boost for them. She has no political power base, but like Mrs Gandhi she does

have the mazic of the Nehru connexion and this is a potent factor in Indian politics. Mrs Pandit emphasized there was nothing personal in her ormosition to her niece. She said she would not campaign in Mrs Gandhi's Rae Barelli constituency. "I will do nothing that may induce the person of Mrs Gendhi or hurt her

emotionally."
Mrs Pandit said she had not formally approached Mrs. Gandhi about the emergency. but had on one occasion voiced her concern about the way things were going. She said that when it was declared, it came as a tremendous shock to her, and "it seemed that the seeds of authoritarian rule were being

sown". Her concern grew over

e months.

Mrs Pandit added: "It was shocking to me to see all dissent muzzled and those who disagreed with the Government put into prison.".—Reuter.

African chides Japan's 'honorary whites'

Mr Mongalo is the first representative of the African National Congress (ANC) to emerged as an economic power 10 years ago. He also attacked Japan's trade ties with Pretoria. After meeting representatives of the Keidanren (the powerful federalise of the control of the seconomic powerful federalise of the seconomic power and the

of the Keidanren (the powerful federation of economic organizations), he told journalists today: "During my informal discussions with business leaders, politicans and trade unionists, I pointed out that the ANC can only define Japan as a partner in opporession if it continues to trade with South Africa. It was an appeal for a policy of morality."

The African leader, a chemical engineer by profession who have to carry passes because of the regime's policy of apartheid." Mr Mongalo said.

It had been explained to him that Japan was forced to import raw materials from South Africa but his view was that Japan could diversify its imports and acquire most of its needs from elsewhere in Africa. "I reminded them that after independence a new government will examine the records."

Sydney, Feb 14.—Bushfires which killed five people and devastated vast areas of

devastated vast areas of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania were brought under control today, but in the tropical north widespread flooding

turned parts of Queensland into what was described as an

Worst hit was an area near

Cairns, 1,150 miles north of

Bristane, where floods caused by heavy overnight rain swept

through townships and sugar

The police at Edmonton,

south of Cairns, said that most of the houses there were under

3ft of water and people were

squatting on top of their furni-

A 185-mile stretch of the Bruce highway in Queensland was awash in four places and

motorists were stranded in their cars.—Reuter.

inland sea.

plantations.

OPPOSITION IN

Election

Delhi, Feb 14.—Mrs Vijaya
Lakshmi Pandit, the aunt of Mrs Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, announced today she would campaign for the opposition in next month's general election.

Mrs Pandit, aged 76, sister of the late Jawaharlal Nehru, independent India's first Prime Minister, said she loved Mrs

"It is an insult to Japan", Mr Anthony Mongalo said tonight as he concluded eight days of unofficial talks with politicians, businessmen and "I told them that a little while ago two Japanese jour malists who were travelling in mali

"I told them that a little while ago two Japanese journalists who were travelling in South Africa were turned away a: two restaurants because they establish contact between Tokyo refused to produce their passand the South African libera-ports. Eventually they were tion movement since Japan served at a third restaurant

humiliating position as blacks who have to carry passes because of the regime's policy of apartheid." Mr Mongalo

Australia hit | Strike over by floods kidnapped after fires union leader

Buenos Aires, Feb 14.--Elec-Aires, who ended a month-long strike last week, staged a one-day stoppage of work today to protest over the kidnapping of their union leader.

Señor Oscar Smith, aged 45, was seized on Friday by armed civilians as he was driving to work. He had played a key role in senting the strike, which had ended the day which before.

Labour sources said the kid-napping appeared to be an attempt by extremists to mar the agreement between the military Government and the workers, who had gone on strike at state-run power plants in the capital. They were protesting at the extension work schedules and elimination of benefits.

Today's strike did not affect electricity supplies.—AP.

Philippines poll postponed

Manila, Feb 14.—President Marcos of the Philippines said today that the election for a proposed National Assembly had been postponed until the completion of preparations for local governments in the 13

regions.

He also told his Legislative
Advisory Council, of 132 appointed members, that the success of peace negotiations

the Muslim rebels could depend on the forthcoming autonomy plebiscite in the southern Philippines.

proposed Assembly. whose members are to be partly whose members are to be partly elected and partly appointed, is regarded as a step towards a normalization of political life after more than four years of martial law. The election was to have been held in January or this month.—Reuter.

case over advertising Indian test

From William Frankel Delhi, Feb 14

For the first time since the emergency was relaxed, an issue relating to press freedom is to be tested in the Indian courts. The High Court of Calcutta has ordered the Government to reply this week to man and its managing director. Mr C. R. Irani, that the newsis suffering severe damage through the illegal withholding of public advertis-

The influential English language press has responded to the lifting of censorship by producing more varied news coverage, but editorial com-ment remains wary. Only The Statesman and the Indian Express have continued to criticize Mrs Gandhi's Government, policies. which they persisted in even

during the emergency. The Indian Express group faces a severe financial crisis. The Delhi paper alone is losing about £44,000 a month and the loss to the whole group is run-ning at the annual rate of constitu-£1.4m. These losses have been freedor met from reserves and, despite merce.

is determined to carry on, Mr Ramnath Goenka, the 72year-old owner of the group, told me: "I have gone to the greatest lengths to meet Covernment wishes, to the extent of appointing a majority of government-nominated directors, including the chairman. But these moves did not avoid what the paper described as a campaign of harassment

and the Government directors were dismissed recently. The Express plans to take action similar to that of The Statesman in the Bombay High Court within 10 days.

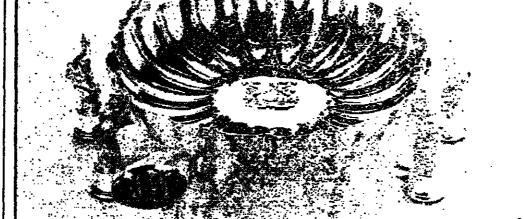
The complaint of The Statesman lists a series of acts by the government which it says were attempts to intimidate the paper into supporting Cabinet

It also claims the Direc-torate of Advertising and Visual Publicity issued circu-lars asking public sector organizations not to advertise in The Statesman and that these requests breached the constitutional guarantee to freedom of trade and com-

chief censor and now chief press adviser to the Government, said the directorate had the right to use only commer-cial criteria in selecting what newspapers to advertise in. There was no policy under which the Government would

withhold advertising from newspapers in opposition to it. With the lifting of press censorship, Mr V. C. Shukla, the Minister for Information and Broadcasting, has been urging the press to follow a voluntary code of journalistic conduct. His ministry says the code was drafted by 17 leading newspaper editors and has been accepted by the all-India newspaper editors' conference. But critics of the code claim that the editors are known to be government supporters while some members of the con-ference allege the code they accepted is not the same as the one sent out by the ministry.

It is intended that a body will be formed to deal with infringements of the code but there will be no legal san-



Was there a collecting mania in 1935? I do remember a school from being adorned with the heads of King George V and Queen Mary, strike me as being exactly like those of today. I also remember buying a glass tankard full of sweets which, at five old pence, so depleted my weekly sixpence that I had twopenny cinema seat, which was as good a place as any to eat the sweets. But I cannot remember whether people amassed memorabilia or how much of it there was to amass.

I remember mostly the day itself. It was my birthday and we were allowed to stay up late after the school day off. We climbed the turfy hillside to the top of the downs and dragged the last few overlooked logs and dried gorse branches to the pyre on the ridge between Swanage and Studland and stood waiting. When the official town bonfire sprang into life we lit all our other bonfires until a chain of fires ran along the downs on either side of the bay, around Peole Harbour, shone up the valleys to Corfe Castle on the bill and towards Kingston. We held hands and danced in rings around the fires, sang for no other reason than that it was such fun to celebrate something. No. I haven't a mug to show for it but I wonder if today's teenagers will have as much fun. I hope so.

I have already said that I cannot enthuse about many of the Jubilee offerings, and I do rather endorse the suggestion of one reader who wrote to criticize the limitations imposed upon manufacturers and designers. There has not been much freedom to be really original. I fell in love with some of the special pieces of which preview photographs reached me, only to discover that what or less sold out. One perfectly valid criticism is surely that they might all have used recent photographs of the Queen. If she must be pictured, she ought to look as she does this year. In a couple of weeks, we shall be showing some of the less ex-pensive stuff like mugs and some medium priced things perhaps even some expensive ones for the dedicated collectors. I thought we might ration ourselves this week in order to catch breath after the pages and pages of jubilation

during the past couple of weeks. At Mappin and Webb they have gone all out for classical style, for modernity and for pieces that are redolent of 1977 and not 1952 or some interim, compromise year. I love the use of glass and silver together. Look at the claret jug with the slender silver collar that looks as if the smooth, gleaming pre-cious metal is sliding down the glass neck and finishing in sil-

If you want a really unusual piece of jewelry, think of the Armillary pendant in the photograph. It is very much a his or hers piece, for any age or type of person. In three dimensions. it is a quality piece. engraved and sculptured in hallmarked silver and carrying the cypher mark of Godffrey Bell, a craftsman from way back whose standards are well known, especially in the world of precision clock making. Hanging on a goodly, heavyish silver chain, it feels like quality

The design of the pendant is based on the idea of Prolemy, an astronomer of the second century BC, who believed that the sun and planets revolved around the earth—and nobody thought otherwise until 1800 years later. The word
"Armillary" is from the Latin
armilla for bracelet or ring. several rings. The broadest band is the Ecliptic (the way of the sun) and the engraved line along it represents the sun's daily path around earth. It is engraved with the Greek symbols for the signs of the Zodiac. An outer band inscribed with degrees is the Meridian Circle, the sun's yearly passage and then there is a Horizon ring which overlaps the Ecliptic Circle—it is all explained rather more fully and perhaps more clearly on a paper that comes with the pendant. It costs \$45 including VAT, postage, packing etc., and you can order it from Geoffrey H. Bell. Antares.
Winchester Road, Four Marks, Alton, Hants GU34 5JB (telephone Alton 62976 by day or 62129 in the evening). Personal callers by prior appointment only. Send your orders when you like (there is a leaflet if you want one), but do not send cheques until you hear that the pendant is ready.



ver drips. The wide, generous bowl carries the coat of arms in gold leaf and, on the silver neck mount, there is the simple announcement "1952-1977. The Queen's Silver Jubilee

more anything else would spell the simplicity and the lovely silver ring that is the handle (£292.50). Staying with the glass and

mounted goblet, very simple again, very traditional ver modern, and with only the motiand crown and E II R in gold leaf on the bowl while the silver foot carries the Queen's personal cypher and, again, the simple message and date. Break the goblet and Mappins will refraginty vanishes. As a set of six, in presentation case, in pairs, or singly (£97 a goblet). A companion punch bowl, also A companion punch bowl, also of glass, mounted on a silver pedestal, is sedately dignified. grand and ceremonial looking, the pride of any civic or grand reception with the deep-bowled

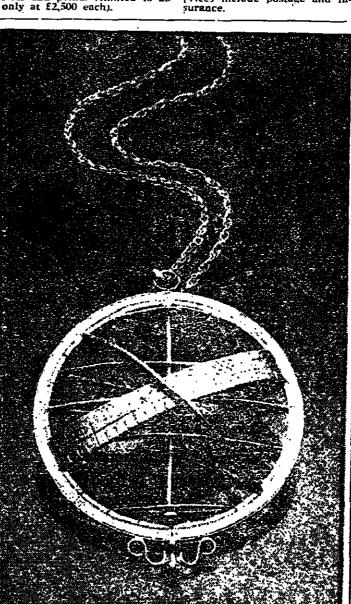
ladle and curving handle (£377). There is also a solid silver punch bowl which doubles as a superb rosebowl and which is sold with a ladle and with a gilt, double-tier net for flowers. This one, which looks more majestic than its photograph, has gilded rims and points (limited to 25 only at £2,500 each).

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Changes in Scottish painting

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But recently, Edinburgh in
particular, and Scotland in
general, has seen an improvement in the quality and variety
of exhibitions and places to
exhibit. There have been a exhibit. There have been a number of outstanding shows from abroad—some, particularly those organized by Richard Demarco, of works from Europe, still not seen in London. Yet both Demarco and the Scottish Arts Council (who bave also organized a number of exhibitions from abroad) have been reticent in presenting shows of Scottish But one gets the impression that things have changed greatly for the better in the visual arts in Scotland during the last few years. There are quite a large number of talented and productive artists between 50 and 30 now work-ing in Scotland, with another group of younger artists begin ning to develop out of the col-Two exhibitions now in Lon-

don provide an instructive contrast and demonstration of the change which has taken place in Scotland—a show of painting by Robert MacBryde and
Robert Colquinoun at the
Mayor Gallery and an exhibition of four young Scottish
artists at the Air gallery in
Shaftechurer Arenna MacBryde and Colquhoun were a legend in the London bohemia of the Forties and Fifties. The legend arose partly because of the alcohol they consumed, partly because in the days before any liberain the days before gay liberation they were a homosexual couple who openly lived and worked together. Their stormy and tragic relationship is described with great tact and sympathy in the third volume

of the finest pieces of writing about artists (as opposed to art) of recent years.

The two painters met at Glasgow Art School in the early Thirties. They remained inseparable until Colquhoun died in 1962 from a heart attack while propries or the column of th attack while working on a drawing of a man dying. Mac-

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Robert Colquhoun: Bitch and Pup, 1958

early Forties in a large studio in Notting Hell and became familiar figures in the bohe-mian pubs of Fitzrovia and Sobo. They returned to Scot-land increasingly rapply, and land increasingly rarely, and Colouhoun not at all after 1946. The rest of the story is a tragic one of excessive drinking and aggressive alienation of many of the people who tried to help them. But what of their art?

It was generally held at the time that Colquboun was the stronger talent. This was probably true, but he was also, on the evidence of the Mayor show, the less consistent and had more to lose. MacBryde was the more extrovert personality. He protected the reserved Colquhoun, tackled dealers and did the domestic chores like cooking and washing and ironing. Not of new work in a very short surprising his subject-matter time by the retrospective at

Bryde deteriorated rapidly and was often still-lifes. Those at was knocked down and killed the Mayor are pleasant, mildly by a car after a night of drinking in Dublin in 1966. The two to the formal organization of had settled in London in the Juan Gris. The use of colour is Juan Gris. The use of colour is skilful and relaxed.

Colquhoun was more ima-

ginative, but his imagination too easily took the current forms of the English romanticism of the Forties, as prac-tised by John Minton and John Craxton, and he adopted the stereotyped black outlines of the Polish painter Jankel Adler, whom the two artists had met in Glasgow, and who moved into the studio above them in London. But at his best Colquhoun's paintings have a bleak, harsh angularity that is uncomfortably compel ling. The largest paintings (and in many ways the best) at the Mayor, Dancers Rehearsing, Woman with Crab and the extraordinary Bitch and Pup, were all done when Colomboun was generally thought to have been in decline as a painter, but stimulated to produce a lot

The tragedy of MacBryde's and Colomboun's later lives and the limitations of their

the Whitechapel which Bryan Robertson gave him in 1958.

work has perhaps more to do with the London of the Forties and Fifties than their Scottish background, although the speed with which they left Scotland (while retaining always a strong Scottish nationalism) was no doubt as much to do with the lack of tolerance to homosexuals as to provincial attitudes towar painting. Their work remained more European in its in-fluences and outlook than many of their English contem-poraries, but the European influences were not always the most propitious.

most propitious.

The show at Air has been chosen by Alexander Moffat who directs the New 57 Gallery in Edinburgh, a gallery run for artists by artists. All four live in or around Edinburgh. All are 30 or in their thirtieth year. All are accomplished and quite unprovincial, typical of the younger generation of Scottish artists. Eileen Lawrence's trompe-l'oeil water-colour drawings of feathers, colour drawings of feathers bird's eggs and reeds on Japan-ese and hand-made papers have a quite remarkable quality. She has an unusual and original talent and her work gets better and better, although I am not so sure about the rather elaborate is one of these new works. She is one of the artists chosen by the British Council to represent Britain at the Biennale des Jeunes in Paris this autumn—a surprising and perceptive choice.

Derek Roberts is the only

straightforward painter of canvases. Calm in colour, a little tentative, his pictures admit the uncertainty which he states in his brief casalogue note. They have an honesty and freshmess, a vigorous enjoy-ment of mark-making, Michael Docherty's work is knowing and assured, cosmopolitan in its influences although a little showy and superficial. His sculpture of bottles and wooden blocks on a shelf, A European Tradition, is a witty reference to Morandi. John Kirkwood's assemblages of scrap materials have a harshness and sexual innuendo that escapes the usual over-tastefulness of most neo-Dada collage. The show, which is organized by the Scottish Arts Council, continues until March 1; the MacBryde and Coloubour exhi bition until March 25.

Paul Overy

Philadelphia Quartet Burford Bridge Hotel

William Mann

Most of us are so accustomed to hear string quartets sitting in serried ranks, in a concert hall almost certainly too large for the music's intimate character, that we may forget first essentials. Chamber music is composed to be played rather than listened to: those who do want to listen should do so, together with the players, in somebody's living-room where a few feet away, and where every nuance or change of harmony is remarked as immediately and pungently as a neighbour's perfume or shoe polish.

Stereo headphones at home may give a hint of such vividness, although on a record the performance alas remains invariable. What a joy to hear variable. What a joy to near a recital of string quartets sitting at ease in a pleasant room where the players are close at hand, and splendid players too. So it was on Sunday when the Philadelphia String Quartet played at Burford Bridge Hotel, near Darking. near Dorking.
It was one of the steadily

growing series of concerts pro-moted by Trust Houses Forte in their hotels up and down the

country. The concerts are now in their thirteenth season. I chose it because the hotel is close to London, and because the quartet, who have been praised in these columns, are not playing in London on their present visit to this country.

At Burford Bridge they gave us the E flat work from Haydn's Op 76, Bartok's sec-ond and Schubert's A minor quartet, a glorious programme. The chief pleasure of their playing was the natural musicality with which all four players articulate their phrases, a special pleasure in a smallish room with vivid acoustics. Their leader's intonation was sometimes as a special pleasure of the players are the control of the players are the musical dialogue is going on sometimes questionable (out a few feet away, and where not his psychological leadership of the music-making), the artistry of their recently acquired cellist a definite asset. In matters of style they are completely at one, a little gauche in Schubert though imaginative in developments and at climaxes, appreciative rather than mellow in Haydn, most involved in Bartok.

The last two movements of Bartok's second quartet were played with rare depth of feeling and sense of drama, the first movement rather flabby to begin with, engent later on. It was not surprising to learn afterwards that in Seattle, where the quartet are resident, they specialize in modern music. American composers must be thankful for such advocates.

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Joan Chissell

There is always a special excitement in going to hear Martha Argerich, for you never quite know how the mood will take her. No doubt audiences felt the same a century ago about Teresa Carreño. As soloist with James Levine and the LSO on Sunday Miss Argerich reminded us of her Warsaw triumph in 1965 by choosing Chopin's E minor concerto.

The composer was aged 20 when he wrote it. Often the work emerges as nothing more than decorative note-spinning in the fashionable style of the day. But Miss Argerich drove it along with a fiery urgency that at once transformed the first movement from an allegro maestoso into an allegro appassionata. You constantly mar-velled at the incisive strength she combined with dazzling velocity in the right hand. Basses were pillars of support, rhythmically, no less than in tone. For the beautiful melody of the slow movement and also for the first movement's lyrical excursions she found an un-usual kind of presentimental eloquence. There was rubato in plenty but not of the romantically wilting sort. The middle section brought one of her char-

acteristically inflammable outbursts slightly ahead chopin's con fuoco markings.

Experienced as he is with artistic temperament in other contexts, Mr Levine was repoy for her, as he was again in all whims in the finale. This Miss Argerich dispatched effort-lessly at fantastic speed while still managing to reveal new facets of the pattern-making and to give strong direction to the underlying harmonic sequence. In the circumstaters it is no doubt churlish to com-plain that its opening was defiantly robust rather than light and playful.

To complete the programme Mr Levine chose Brahms and Ravel, composers with little more in common than an addiction to the Viennese waltz, though brought uncommonly close to each other on this occasion by Mr Levine's liking for the boldest colour contrasts, uninh bited brass, and an excitably intense and an excitably intense and forceful style of pro-jection that in the end begin intense to seem like a gramophoro record with the volume krob consistently turned up too high. Since orchestral response, apart from one or two small accidents. matched his own highly strun vitality, there was never a dull moment. But for Brahms's Second Symphony and Ravel's La Valse is seemed dangerously

Canto, which is like a play of

A similarly fugitive impres-

sion was made by Tonas Marco's Albanalde, a mosaic of

quiet tremoies and isolated sustained notes, Ernst Krenck's

long seemed to me one of the best things in the guitar's

worth playing, and it was a great pleasure to hear as sensi-

tive a performance as Mr

about the agreeable pastoral thoughts contained in John

Duarte's English Suite, it is

because we did not hear them all; Mr Behrend got lost and

exploring the outer edge of guitar and voice techniques. A

remarkable vocalist was Claudia

Brodzinska Bebrend, formerly

an actress, who has developed,

If you have to be less positive

Suite, dating from 1957,

meagre repertoire of

Behrend's.

fleating shadows.

Speaking of Spokesong

Ever since Wilson first met Keppel and Betty the British theatre has known some un-likely partnerships, but few can have been further separated in age or character than Stewart

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similarity. Mr Parker comes from Belfast, is 35, and has just won the London critics' PAINTING
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never worked on a stage show in this country before. He would not have worked on this one, had Stewart Parker not gone to interview him for a record column he was writing in The Irish Times. By then (1974) Parker had already begun to make a name for him-self as a journalist and also a radio playwright with BBC Belfast, though that was not his

original intention:
"My father was a tailor's cutter in Belfast, and I worked my way through Queen's Uni-versity there in the time of people like Stephen Rea and Dennis Tuohy and Seamus Heaney: then I spent five years in American universities teaching O'Casey and Beckett and Joyce classes, which was wonderful money but boring; so then I decided I was really meant to be a playwright and I came home to Belfast in 1969 and began writing dramatized decimantaries for schools. documentaries for schools.
"I had to find themes which

were somehow local, and as I didn't want to write about the 'troubles' I wrote a script about the Titanic which was built there. I found that drama built there. I found that drama was a wonderfully mongrel form which would accommodate fact and fiction and poetry and all the things I'd been trying to write separately all my life. Spokesong is set in a bicycle repair shop, and it covers 80 years of Irish life, so of course it's a political work, but it's also about the life of Mr Dunlop who was priginally a yet in who was originally a vet in Belfast and whose invention of the pneumatic tyre is part of

Belfast mythology.

Subjects choose you as a playwright, you don't choose them; but suddenly it seemed to me that here was a way of writing about Ireland through



Stewart Parker and Jimmy Kennedy

better to shock them—not by violence, but to subvert them with pleasure instead."

One he'd completed the script for Spokesong, Parker realized that he needed half a dozen songs to link the action and provide a historical comment of their own between scenes: what he didn't know was where to find a composer. Then, for his record column, he went to visit Jimmy Kennedy "whose songs are a part of the mental baggage of everyone born in Ireland since 1920". Parker published their interview and then, nervously seet Kennedy the usaed their interview and then, nervously, sent Kennedy the Spokesong script. A day or two later, having heard nothing, he rang Kennedy to ask if he'd liked it: Kennedy replied yes, he had, and he'd also written all the music for it, so how soon could Parker get down to Dublin?

"The lytics were a joy", says

Dublin?

"The lyrics were a joy", says Kennedy, "and it was a special joy to me that they were already written, so all I had to think about was the music. Each song had to be in a different geore—there's a First War song, a cowboy song, a sophisticated 30s song and so forth—and I guess I'm about the only man Stewart knew old enough to be able to remember what each had to sound like."

Kennedy looks and sounds like the twinkling Irishman in every John Ford film, though paradoxically he's probably spent less time in Ireland than Parker, since most of his working life has been in London and New York: still, he's visibly indignant that the Peace Move-

dignant that the Peace Move-ment there chose to use the songs of an American (Joan Baez) rather than his own "Let

There Be Peace".
An ex-colonial civil servant to me that here was a way of writing about Ireland through the history of the bicycle rather than in a more obvious journatistic or political way. A playwright's job is to shatter the preconceived responses of an audience, to undermine its expectations, and I thought how

Photograph by Donald Coope others. He wrote the "Siegfried Line" for his unit of the Terri-torial Army, and he once saw his "Red Sails in the Sunset" sell 50,000 copies in sheet music

during a single day:
"But after the war I cam back to find myself in a land that knew not Joseph, and as they thought I was finished over here I went off to New York, where I spent 13 years song-writing for an American pub-lisher, mainly Country and Western and then Rock adaptations of my early work — it's amazing what you can do if you set your mind to it.

"I survived Rock and Roll, but when the Beatles came along I knew that was it, and I retired to Switzerland; then mercifully the Irish Government changed their tax laws and so now I'm back in Dublin

After its initial success at the Dublin Festival of 75, Spoke-Dublin Festival of 75, Spokesong disappeared from view
for a while largely because the
Royal Court bought an option
on it and then, at a time when
mistakes were being made thick
and fast in Sloane Square, declined to do anything immediate
about it. After six months Dan
Crawford of the King's Head
prised it away and staged it at
Islington, and as a result of its
success there Parker and Kennedy are now thinking of worknedy are now thinking of worknety are now thinking of working together on a musical about Johnnie Patterson, the nine-teenth-century "Irish Singing Clown" who died in a circus ring during a Nationalist riot. Since his recent award Parker

now finds it is safe to say he is a writer without being asked what he really does for a living, and there are other plays on the way including his new Catch-penny Twist which the BBC will televise this autumn. And Jimmy Kennedy?

"All this", he sighs, "has set my retirement back considerably."

Sheridan Morley

Siegfried Behrend

Wigmore Hall Max Harrison

Siegfried Behrend's programme on Sunday afternoo, was very different from that of the average guitar recital. True, there were a few all-too-familiar items by Ginliani, Roncalli and the like, but they were thrown off in a casual, though highly accomplished manner that left little doubt of Mr Behrend's opinion of them.

Far more engaging, both for him and us, were contemporary pieces such as Versus, by Xavier Benguerel, a tense, moody alternation of sombre moody alternation of sombre improvised his way home. Far melody and quite violently more recondite were Sylvano demonstrative outbursts that Bussotti's Ultima Rara and the made an excellent use of the recitalist's own Duo. both guitar's resources besides demonstrating Mr Behrend's fine technique and expressive, if slightly wiry, tone. Herman Ambrosius's suite No 1 was a harmless piece of neo-clas-

particularly for Duo, a striking sicism, and contrasted with variety of John McCabe's busy, scurrying techniques. variety of speech and singing Mozart Players to

visit Wales The London Mozart Players are

from March 12 to 17, appearing at Swansea, Cardiff, Fishguard, Llandudno, Bangor and Aberystwyth in that order. On March 21 the orchestra will to make a Welsh tour with Paul appear at Wrexham with John Tortelier (cello) as soloist Lill (piano) as the soloist.

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Rugby Union

Recall of Rafter is England's only change against France

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Michael Rafter, the Bristol open
side flanker, has been recalled in
place of Tony Neary for England's
third game of the season, against
France at Twickenham, on Saturday. This is the only change from
the side that won 4-0 in Dublin,
the team and reserves being
exactly those who were on hand the team and reserves being exactly those who were on hand when Scotland were beaten 26—6 at Twickenham. Rafter was an original choice for the Irish international, but withdrew with a chest injury. He played for his club in the John Player Cup tie at Gioucester last Saturday, and afterwards reported no ill-effects. Neary certainly did not let England down when winning his thirty-third cap, but, although a case could be made out for the retention of his speed and lineout skills against the French, it was predictable that the selectors retration of his speed and lineout skills against the French, it was predictable that the selectors would stick by the XV named for the first two internationals. In a fine first appearance Rafter tackled, grafted and grappled against Scotland in just the way they had hoped.

The English camp is under no illusions about the size and strength of the French pack and in particular the threat posed at the lineout by the giant Bastiat, a nost unto himself, and the two big locks, Falmie and Imbernon, but the selectors have managed to resist suggestions that they should strengthen their hand in this respect. Ripley, purely as a ball winner, probably would be the most effective counter to Bastiat, but his return would not fit in, in other tespects, with the pattern ordained on the fringes. Ayre, who had an impressive final try, regularly does a fine job as the Moseley front jumper, but Beammont won as much lineout ball as Horton. half in Dublin, Beaumont won as much lineout ball as Horton. much lineout ball as Horton.

If France win on Saturday, and Ireland lose at Murrayfield, Scotland will then have the opportunity to exert an important influence on the outcome of the championship. The Scots play France in Paris on March 5 and will be at home for their last game against Wales, a fortnight later.

Changes made by both countries for this week's match at Murray-field are not likely to change England's opinion that Ireland have a better pack than Scotland. The introduction of Byrne at tighthead and of the competitive Murtagh at lock, together with the recall of Slattery on a flank, should now give Ireland added strength up front. The reappearance of Slattery must be welcomed by the Lion's selectors. Changes made by both countries Scottish selectors, not just ontent to restructure their pack with four alterations, have whethed the axe and chopped off four of the backs who struggled with little or no good ball at Twickenham. I cannot be au fait with the latest form north of the



Michael Rafter . . . no ill effects reported

border but on the evidence of the England match, Lawson, Cranston and the two wings. Steele and Dick, are entitled to feel somewhat hard done by.

The return of the flanker, what hard done by.

The return of the flanker, Biggar, should be a Scottish boms, and the selectors will be hoping that the new cap, Pender, at tighthead and the former one, Barnes, at lock will bring added strength at close quarters. But the unhappy absence of Gordon Brown leaver problems, not seek to solve leaves problems not easy to solve, and McHarg has to soldier on at lock rather than at No 8, which would be his best position if Scotland were able to field their strongest combination.
Against England, Against England, Ireland, looked plain at centre, where the promising McKibbin is still learning his international trade, and their selectors, searching for thrust and experience in the middle, must believe that Quinn at stand-off inside Gibson is a likelier combination than Gibson inside anyone else available. If the British Liou, Milliken, had recovered full fitness then Gibson surely would have remained in his old position at stand-off half, where he has enjoyed so outstanding a season. So far as the Lions' selection is concerned, it may not much matter where he appears for Ireland. He is playing so well that a fifth tour beckons for him—most probably as a centre-cumufility man, with the Welshman, Bevan, of Aberavon, the most likely choice as reserve stand-off.

The gritty McGrath may have been a shade unlucky to lose his place at scrum half, but Robbie, who played against New Zealand in Wellington last June, has the longer pass and is the more accomplished player. Robbie may need an extended run to allow his talents to flower. The team

is:—
A. J. Hignell (Cambridge University); P. J. Squires (Harrogate), C. P. Kent (Rosslyn Park), B. J. Corless (Moseley), M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool); M. J. Cooper (Moseley), M. Young (Gosforth); F. E. Cotton (Sale), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester), R. Cowling (Leicester), W. B. Beaumont (Fylde), N. E. Horton (Moseley), P. J. Dixon (Gosforth), R. M. Uttley (Gosforth, captain), M. J. Rafter (Bristol). Replacements: N. R. French (Wasps), A. G. B. Old (Sheffield), S. J. Smith (Sale), M. A. Burton (Gioucester), J. A. G. D. Raphael (Bective Rangers), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park).

The Welsh selectors have aban-

Park).

The Welsh selectors have abandoned plans to name on Thursday week their side to play England in Cardiff on March 5. Instead they will announce a national party, for the games against England and Scotland next Tuesday and release the team to play England on Monday, February 28. The change in plans follows the 16-9 defeat by France in Paris earlier this month.

International Downhill all the way after locks for Moseley, Welsh say Weish nowadays rely more on their forwards than they did in the Dawes era. Unarguably the battle between the locks, Roberts and Howcroft for the Weish, and Horton and Ayre for Moseley, should provide the attraction have Moseley best London Weish Barbarians By Richard Streeton

do not play each other. Officials at Gosforth could not recall a previous meeting with Glouester. Waterloo and Bedford will be renewing acquaintanceship after a

Gosforth's reaction was realistic: it was accepted that Gloucester were as hard opponents as it was possible to have drawn but comfort was drawn from the fact

that at least they were at home. All eight of Saturday's second round matches were won by home teams, which, however, basically was what form suggested might

happen. In rugby the advantages of playing on one's own ground have yet to be shown to be as important as in football.

Gloucester intend hiring a special train for the 500-mile round trip for the 1,500 supporters who usually follow them on these occasions. The clash

Rugby's great trek northwards could be one description of the John Player Cup's quarter-final round programme. The visit of London Welsh to Moseley was the only tie to emerge outside Lancashire and Newcastle when yesterday's draw was made for the games on March 12. The Barbarians have chosen two international locks in the back row of their team to play East Midlands at Northampton on Wilkinson, dropped this season by England, is at No 8 and the varsatile Quinnell, restored to the Welsh second row after the defeat in France 10 days ago, is on the flank. The other flank forward is Neary, who made a brief comence for England in Dublin. the games on March 12.

Gosforth, the holders, are at home to Gloucester, who were the inaugural winners of the competition six years ago. Fyle entertain Saracens, who will be plzying for the first time outside London in the event, after eight ties in the capital spread over six seasons. And Waterloo receive Bedford, the Cup winners two years ago.

November.

An exuberant Welsh spokesman said: "It's a tough draw, but once we have beater Moseley it's downhill all the way. To win the cup you have to beat transit like way our formacting the country of the cup winners two years ago. Llanelli half- backs, Bennett One of the attractions of the event remains the fixtures it brings between teams who usually

Seven Cambridge players in Wanderers side

Seven Cambridge University players, past and present, are in the Public Schools Wanderers side the Public Schools Wanderers side to play Universities Athletic Union on the Dulwich College ground tomorrow (kick-off 3.0):

They include the captain and London Scottish flank forward, Sandy Pratt, Mathew Fosh, John Thornton, John Smith (London Welsh), John Vivian, Nigel Heath and Ted Butler.

Also in the cide boulder Smith on these occasions. The classi between the back rows and the kicking of Butler, for Gloucester, and Young, for Gosforth, clearly provide the key to the result. Outside the north and south-west, most people make Moseley this season's favourites. London Also in the side besides Smith are three other London Welsh players, the Lions and Wales wing Clive Rees, the England stand-off Neil Bennett, and the former Rhodesian prop Michael Banfield.

Cambridge man

Hockey

may play

for Oxford

By Sydney Friskin

Massengale holes 30ft putt on final green to win

By Sydney Friskin

Ian Sobey, who played for Cambridge last year, is in the Oxford party of 13 for the University match at Lord's on Saturday. He stopped playing for Cambridge early this season and had intended to return to Australia in December but joined Magdalen College this year and was granted permission to play for Oxford.

Both teams have had good practice for the big event. Oxford beat the Royal Navy 1—0 on Saturday at Portsmouth and Cambridge defeated Tramps 2—1 on Sunday at Fenner's.

Oxford (from): Q. M. Eddel finished with a 90-hole total of 337, 23 under par and one better than Arnold Pallmer needed when he won in 1960.

The victory, Massengale's third since he joined the American professional tour in 1970, earned him first prize money of \$40,000. Second was Bruce Liezka, also of Texas, twice a winner on this year's tour. He also finished with a 67 for a total of 343. Third was Bobby Walzel, of the United States, with 347 after a round of 64 yesterday.

Bob Shearer, of Australia, was tied for fourth place with 348, Fenner's.

(Loretto and Queen's: G. M. Riddell (Loretto and Queen's: G. Brown: Culford and Magdalen), M. Preclous Scarborous College and University's.

K. Bowentan (Epson and Carist-hurch). D. G. Weston! (Crunicipi and Eriscose), B. S. Wells (College and Bristol and Wadham. Capian's Robert A. M. Debling (Cathermany Mariborous) behing (Cathermany Mariborous) and Wydiefe Rall, S. M. W. Eishop (Mariborous) and University M. W. Fishop (Mariborous) and University Gollege. Woybridge and Merion). B. K. McCabe (St George's College. Woybridge and Merion). "I. J. Sobey (Adelaide University and Magdalen)."

Murphy wants to coach Great Britain Alex Murphy, the Warrington

Sobey (Addiante University and Maguerich).

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Murphy was the England coach. murpuy was me England coach in the last world championship. But this season he was replaced by Peter Fox (Bramley), who is also a contender for the Great Britain

Palm Springs, California, Feb

14.—Rik Massengale, of the United
States, holed a putt of 30 feet on
the final hole to break the tournament record as he won the Bob
Hope Desert golf tournament by
six strokes here yesterday. Massengale, who led after every round.
finished with a 90-hole total of
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Reary Player, of South Africa, with
a round of 71 yesterday, took
seventh place with 350.

Peter Oosterhuis, of Britain, had
his best round of the tournament
day to finish with a total of 354.

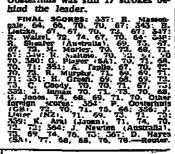
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337. 23 under par and one better Peter Oosterhuis, of Britain, had his best round of the tournament with 65 (six under par) yesterday to finish with a total of 354. That was six under par, but Oosterhuis was still 17 strokes behind the leader.

Fylde v Saracens

Moseley v London Weish Waterioo v Bedford

Ties to be played on March 12.

Gosforth v Gloucester



Jacklin at Newcastle Tony Jackin will conners in the £25,000 tournament sponsored by Callers of Newcasde at Whitley Bay Golf Club from July 28 to 31. The tournament, new to the PGA's 1977. circuit calendar, is expected to attract other leading players.

Mushtag rewarded Mushtaq Mohammad, the Pakistan and Northamptonshire cap-tain, will receive £10,600 from his benefit in 1976.

Football

Bolton may steal a trinket from **Everton**

Football Correspondent Football Correspondent

Everton's disturbed season could yet end with the trinkets for which they bave spent so much and waited so long. The League Cup and FA Cup that eluded Billy Bingham ironically are now within the reach of his successor, Gordon Lee, who may not be in a position to take credit but can use the incentive as the club perches dangerously nearer to relegation. However, touight at Burnden Park, Bokton Wanderers, who threaten to pass Everton on the stairs as they climb out of the second division, are capable of prising Mr Lee's new hold from one of those trophy competitions, the League Cup.

trophy competitions, the League Cup.

In the first leg of the semi-final round at Goodison Park on January 18 Bolton did not play as well as they can, yet still drew 1—1. Since then they have pressed on with their promotion work with only one surprisingly heavy setback, a 3—0 defeat at Millwall. A 4—0 win on Saturday over Notts County, who recently gave Arsenal a trying FA Cup match, set the record straight and now they stand two points behind Chelsea with a game in hand. Already they, together with Chelsea and Wolverhampton Wanderers, look well prepared for a future in the first division. For that reason they can feel confident of beating the unsettled Everton team on home ground where they have lost only one League game this season.

At the weekend, Bolton's fine win was followed by more good news when their tall and adventurous central defender, Pani Jones, asked to be taken off the transfer list. Jones had caught the eye of the England manager, Don Revie, who invited him to join the England under-23 party in Hungary last season. One of the ambitions of the club's manager, lan Greaves, is to build a team who establish their football on a constructive defence.

Mr Greaves has not finished the job which is probably why ball on a constructive defence.

Mr Greaves has not finished the job which is probably why he is still at Bolton rather than Newcastle United. When Mr Lee moved across to Everton, the name of Greaves was quite high on the list of candidates for the vacancy at St James's Park. He was not tempted away and now looks forward to football's other League and Cup double. Meanwhile, he is still looking out for players to strengthen the forward power of his attractive team that includes the experienced wingers, Thompson and Morgan, formerly of Liverpool and Manchester United respectively. Not that there is much dissatisfaction with the present efforts of the goal-getters, because Whatmore is the second divisions' joint leading scorer with 18 and Taylor has 17.

Bolton can gain more encouragement from Everton's reconstants.

agement from Everton's recent difficulty in beating Swindon Town in the FA Cup as well as the continuing unsatisfactory ex-Town in the FA Cup as well as the continuing unsatisfactory exploitation of McKenzie's skills. The purchase of Rioch from Derby County has also failed to have the expected effect and he has yet to collect a winning bonus, though he joined in December. From reports of his conduct in Saturday's defeat by Leicester City there is reason to think his patience is beginning to wane. Everton clearly need to reach Wembley to rid them of frustration and give the supporters a

Moseley and the way our forwards played against Northampton last Saturday suggests that we could out-scrummage them."

To a neutral Saracens look more likely to have a better chance of representing London in the semi-final round. Saracens have already beaten a below strength Fylde ream, who were also reduced to 14 men, this winter by 50—9 in October and, irrespective of the circumstances, it could be a beneficial psychological boost for them. Saracens, who have never previously got this far in the cup, will be looking to Holden to nullify Beatmont in the lineout. Fylde were the lesst impressive second round winners, beating the junfor club, Gordon League, 9—4 with a last minute try. Ipswich. He had double vision for a time but has recovered. Gray, Villa's leading goalscorer, is still doubtful because of a thigh strain, but Cropley, the midfield player, thinks his pulled hamstring will not be a hindrance. Rangers, who probably lost their chance of reaching the final by only drawing 0—0 at Loftus Road, will this time have the benefit of Francis in their midfield. Francis said yesterday that his first appearance for the senior team in seven months last Saturday left him without pain in his back.

junior club, Gordon League, 9—4 with a last minute try.
Bedford gave an impressive display against Rosslyn Park, but in recent seasons have not always maintained their peak consistenly est this stace of the season. Waterloo, who have lost only three games all season, have a strong pack and an enterprising back division even if against Middlesbrough they were prone to mistakes. This tie, in some ways, looks the most open, but should certainly be an emertaining one. The draw is:

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them from signing players.

Mr Bancroft said the ban was imposed because of the second division club's delay in paying Newcastle the remainder of a £25,000 transfer fee for the central defender Glen Keeley. He also alleged that Newcastle had denied their goalkeeper. Roger Jones, who joined them from the Ewood Park club last March, match appearances in order to paying them extra money after he had made a certain number of appearances. appearances.

remains the management committee are very disturbed that your cnairman should see fit to make libelious statements concerning Lord Westwood personally, and the Management Committee in general and they bope that perhaps having received this letter your board may feel. on reflection, that an apology might be appropriate un-der the circumstances." Blackburn's deputy chairman Mr Detrick Keighley said yesterday: "Our chairman Mr Bancroft has gone on a world wide businesss trip but the statement he issued attacking the Management Com-mittee and Lord Westwood was with the annual of the house with the approval of the board. This is a collective board respons-bility and my fellow directors must have the chance of reading the letter from the Management Committee and digesting the con-tents I shall containly have mechanic Committee and digesting the con-tents. I shall certainly have nothing further to say until after our next board meeting which has been fixed for a week tomorrow and I am certainly not going to bring it forward. There is every sign that this affoir will drag out a very long time."

Cricket

Greig proves his mettle again

England needed all their determination to svoid conceding India a decisive advantage in the fifth Test match here today. At close of play they were 285 for six in reply to India's first innings total of 338, with Greig 57 not out. There are two days to go-two more days beneath a cloudless

sky.

Although short of stroke play it has been an absorbing day's cricket, with a lovely piece of off spin bowling by Frasanus to embelish it and a dogged defensive action by England. At any time I felt that England's innings might suddenly disintegrate against the turning bail. Had it done so they would have been left with the whole of the last day and more on which to bar, with the ball doing significantly more than it is already. Even as things are, an Indian victory is as likely a result as a draw and obviously likelier than an England wit.

Early this afternoon and again

as likely a result as a drew and obviously likelier than an England win.

Early this afternoon, and again just after tea, wickets fell quickly. The one that remained intact and so mattered most was Greig's. Once again the captain proved his mettle. He has batted so far for three hours. 10 minutes. Lever, his present partner, for one hour, 20 minutes. At the age of 35, and now in his second or even third Test career, Prasanna was a joy to watch. Taking only one over off, to change ends, he bowled from the start, at 10.15, until 20 minutes past four, when his figures for the day were 39—14—51—3. What prevented them from being better was the slowness of the pitch. It is a fickle pitch for batting, but slow and without much bounce.

The fact that Bedi never took the new ball, which has been due for SS overs, shows, of course, the imbalance of the Indian attack. It was surprising, nevertheless, not to opt for a harder ball to bowl with—though less surprising, possibly, than the fact that there does exist in India a ball to last as long as this one has. Until Ghavri came on ball an hour before the close, all the bowling was done by Prasanna, Bedi and Chandrasekhar.

The first hour was milke any other in the day. It brought

Chandrasekhar.

The first hour was milke any other in the day. It brought England 47 eruns without their losing a wicket. The opening partnership of 146 between Amiss

England since Amiss and David Lloyd made 157 together, also against India, in July, 1974. That against India, in July, 1974. That was 25 Tests ago. Amiss played much better today than on Saturday. On this pitch, though, no barsman could feel secure. The hall fast turned and lifted was never far away, and sooner or later the Indian spinners were stree to start bowling better than they did to start with. The change came, in fact, when Chandrasekhar was taken off and Bedt joined Prusania. That, today, was the combination that was most effective. Another day it might have been Chandrasekhar and Bedt, or Prasama and Chandrasekhar.

Prasama and Chandrasekhar.

England's 170 for one at broch was a dangerously misleading score. So lest they had that all the luck. This afternoon, within the first three quarters of an hour, randail and Fletcher both got out to long hops, almost the only ones that Prasama and Bedi bowled. Randail, rather stopping his shot, presented his to short mid-on; Fletcher, when he was beginning to play quite like his old self, got an even ranker one from Chandrasekhar, which he hooked at, hard. The ball, bouncing more than most, was miscued hooked at, hard. The ball, bouncing more than most, was miscued to Viswanath at slip.

Brearley was also out by then. Having taken 35 minutes to go from 87 to 91 he must have been beginning to wonder, like the rest of us, where the other more runs he deeded for his first Test hundred were going to come from. Going down the pitch to Prasanna, he played inside a ball that never turned and was smartly stumped. Brearley had batted for five hours, 10 minutes, with great resolution. Had he made his hundred he would have been well worth it, and it would have been worth a lot.

lot.
The last 75 minutes of the after-noon were taken up with a part-nership of 41 between Greig and nership of 41 between Greig and Knott. Although it may not sound like it, they sought the initiative and seemed near to wresting it when Knott was bowled by the second ball after tea, a fast one from Chandrasekhar that left Knott late with his stroke. Although troubled by a nigeling hamstring, and bowling nothing like as well as in England's last three innings. Chandrasekhar thok't we good

Chandrasekhar took two good wickets today. Prasanna's third wicket was Tolchard, the victim of a carefully laid plan. Tolchard's way of playing Prasanna is to dance down the pitch to him, using his pads as a line to defence as well as his

Amiss, who shared a first-wicket stand of 146 with Brearley, about to be caught at slip by Viswanath.

hat, rather like a hockey goal-keeper narrowing the angle. It enabled him to survive for a long time both in Calcutta and Madres. On a given signal to the wicker-keeper, Prasanna decided this time to bowl a much faster ball wide down the leg side. By the time Tolchard saw it coming he was on the charge and so wide was the ball that he failed even to get his left foot to it. Kirmani's sumping from far outside the leg stumping from far outside the les sumping from far outside the leg stump was probably unlike any-thing he had done before. The decision was straightforward. When earlier. Knott had been given not out on an appeal for a catch off bar and pad, Gavaskar, the catcher, had run all the way down the pitch to plead with an intransigent unpire.

The performance of the umpires today was in sharp contrast to Bangalore, where when in doubt, they were inclined to give the batsmen out.

from which they must have hoped for more. In this Test series Lever has batted for over 10 hours; when I say batted I mean pushed

FALL OF WICKET 54.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—146, 2—175.

180, 4—206, 5—247, 8—266.

BOWLING (to date): Ghawi, 12—2.

31—0; Gavaguez, 2-4.

Lillee puts a quick end to the menace of Otago

help the Australian cricket team defeat Otago by 48 runs here today. Otago, needing 267 to win in their second innings, were 178 for five and in a threatening position when Lillee struck. In a spell of five overs he took three wickets for only eight runs, and Otago fell to 218 all out.

Rodney Marsh, captaining the Australian team in this match, said afterwards that Lillee pro-duced his fastest pace this season. "Dennis looks to have everything back in place", he said. "He was really making them hum out there." Lillee, who aggravated a leg injury in the first match of the current tour, had played only

Aston Villa, who play Queen's Park Rangers in tomorrow's League Cup semi-final round tie, will have their enterprilisng young full back, Gidman, in the team despite a dangerous looking collision in Saturday's match at

Gordon Kew, in charge of the FA Cup Final between Liverpool and Newcastle in 1974, will referee the League Cup final at Wembley on March 12. Mr Kew, 46, has been on the League's list of officials since 1966 and was linesman at the 1971 FA Cup Final between Arsenal and Liverpool.

want apology from Blackburn

The Football League Management Committee have asked for an apolocy from the Blackburn Rovers chairman, William Bancroft, after his statement last week alleging that Lord Westwood, the president of the Football League and chairman of Newcastle, influenced the decision of the Management Committee to ban them from signing players.

Mr Bancroft said the ban was

appearances.
In a letter to Blackburn Rovers,
Mr Alan Hardaker, the secretary
of the Football League, states:
"The management Committee are

Dunedin, Feb 14.—Dennis Lillee one three-day match in the mean-took three wickets in 30 balls to time; and in that game he used a shortened run. His tunings figures today were three for 18.

Rutherford and McCullum, resuming at 30 for no wicket, gave Otago a fine start with a stand of 126. McCullum scored 75 and Rutherford 52, but after they were arted wickets fell steadily.

The only other batsman to make such impact was McKechnie, who

have one match to play and New South Wales and Victoria, 72 points behind, two each. points behind, two each.

Malone, a candidate for the tour of England and top wicket-taker in the Sheffield Shield this season with 40, troubled all the New South Wales batsmen. The innings was propped up by Border and Webster, and Pascoe, a tail ender, scored an aggressive 36 not out. for the winning run, Franke and Cooke were run out off the sixtle and seventh balls of the over to webster, and Pascoe, a rail webster, and Pascoe, a rail Adelaide, South Australia Queensland tied their Sheil Shield after three Queensbatsmen had been run out

W Australians win shield

with record points total

in the final over. It was the first tie in first-class cricket since Sussex and Essex finished level at Hove, in England, in 1974.

Queensland needed two runs for victory, with three wickets in hand and five balls left in the match. Carison was run out when he attempted a risky single off the fourth hall of the flual over, but a leg bye off the next delivery levelled the total scores. Striving for the winning run, Franke and Cooke were run out off the sixth Perth, Feb 14.—Western Australia won the Sheffield Shield with a record points total of 138 when they defeated New South Wales by nine wickets here today. Queensland, 60 points behind, still have one morth to play and New

Irish overwhelmed but vow to do better today

to the defence of the women's title in the BP Cup tennis series at the Palace Hotel, Torquay, yesterday.

With Susan Barker, ranked No 8 yesterday.

With Susan Barker, ranked No 8 in the world, beating 19-year-old Vivien Lee, 6—2, 6—0 in 40 minutes, and Michele Tyler, the British No 4, defeating 18-year-old Jo Sharidan, 6—3, 6—1 in 55 minutes, the Irish took their hammering bravely and vowed to do better against France today.

Miss Lee, a PE student from Dublin, acted as captain and number one player and said afterwards that she was overswed by the occasion. "When I saw Sue Barker and Ann Jones talking together during the changeovers I had to smile to myself at the thought of them discussing how to play me. Once I heard Ann tell Sue she was going to complain because she thought I was serving too quickly, but Sue told her not to bother. I'm sorry if I was. I didn't mean to upset her but I do everything at 100 miles an bour when I get anxious."

Not unnamically Miss Lee, whose playing tennis for fun cost her

Rugby League

Close rivals will pose

St Helens, the champions, face another tough task in the second round of the Rugby League Cup. After winning 13-12 at Warrington in the previous round, they were last night drawn away to their old rivals Wigan, in what promised to be another interesting clash.

Widnes, winners in 1975 and beaten finalists last May, have fared better in their attempt to complete three successive Wembley appearances, last achieved by Bradford Northern in the late 1940's. They will be at home to the second division team Swins'on, after scraping through at Bramafter scraping through at Bram-ley, another second division side. The draw contains several well-balanced ties with the Humber-side Derby between Hull Kingston Rovers and Hull sure to draw one

of the biggest crowds. Rovers have hit form recently while Hull, leading the second division, look certain for promotion. The favourites, Castleford, who have already won the BBC Floodit trophy and the Players No 6 trophy, are drawn at Rochdale, while Featherstone Rovers face a difficult task at Bradford in the 1973 final.

Leeds, top scorers in the first round against a poor Batley side, have been lucky in the draw, gaining a home the against Barrow, whom they have already beaten in the League at Headingley this season, and Salford, strongly fancied in Lancashire, have to travel to Workington.

Dewsbury, the only second division club to be drawn at home, have a local derby with Wakefield Trinity.

Fixtures for today Rick-off 7.30 unless stated.

League Cup Semi-final round (second los) Botton v Everton First division Second division
Chariton Athletic v Orient
Hull City v Milwall
Luton Town v Blackburn Rovers
Oldman Athletic v Burnley
Note County v Chelson
Third division
Bury v Northampton Town

Fourth division

Newport County v Exceet City Huddorstield Town v Hartlepot

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Scottish second division suring Albert SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup (fourth round): Dartford v Cholmsford Langue premier division! Athersione v Limbedon. First division (north: Enderby v Shurbeidge, South; Astford v Bognor Regis; Crawley v Canterbury.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Lecthorhead v Enfield: \
Southall and EB; Suffort
Bishop's Stortford. NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Nelberfield v Mailock; Runcore v Boston Utd. BOSTON UTG.

RUCBY UNION: Maestog e Ebby
Vale (7.15); Newport v Swanses
(7.15) RUGBY LEAGUE: County chemplon-ship: Cumbria v Yorkshire (2t White-havon, 7.0). -MOGREY: Répresentative marches: Royal Navy v Civil Service 10 Chia-wrick, 2.50: Cambridge University v Army (2.50: Oxford University v United Rospitals 2.30:

Squash Rackets

Grand Prix will favour consistent players

Squash Rackets Correspondent Squash Rackets is to have a Squast Rackets is to have a Grand Prix series consisting, in this anaugural year, of eight-man tournaments at Wembley (April 25, 26 and 26) then in Australia and finally at Karachi. The sponsors will be Pakistan International Aiclines and the first prize at each event will be £3,000, which surpasses that at any Crawhich surpasses that at any tra-vious tournament. The three events will be linked by a points system. At the end of the series there will be borns awards, and formal recognition of a "world

mere wan be booms awarns and formal recognition of a "world champion" who will have earned his status by a consistent level for achievement in three events rather than in a single tournament. The eight players invited this year will be those at the top of the rankings: Hunt, Zaman, Monibultah, Alauddin, Jahan, Sadwat, Nancarrow, and Barrington. In addition to its promotional convenience, this restricted format neatly evades the possibility of an endoarrassing intervention by any of the three South African members of the International Squash Players' Association, who are not quite good enough to qualify.

Rackets Federation and PIA, who employ the leading Pakistani players) to compete with South Africans. The Grand Prix may be seen as inventing an alternative platform for Pakistanis prevented from consolidating their, reputations in existing tournaments. Political expedience has probably accelerated the inauguration of a series that was going to happen anyway. It is intended that the Grand Prix will be expanded next year. It will be interesting next year. It will be interesting to see how closely PIA, who chi neither ignore nor evade domestic political pressures, continue to associate themselves with a series which, if it is to attain unques-tioned validity, must eventually be accessible to all leading players be accessible to all leading players whatever the policies of their respective governments. The ISPA are unlikely to recognize a "world championship" that discriminates against any of their members.

Whatever reservations we may have about the future, it is a good thing that the game should nave a clearly defined international summit. PIA are to be congratulated on their initiative in organizlated on their initiative in organiz-ing—within the span of 12 months— —team and individual events in which the leading men (whether qualify. professionals or amateurs) cm This year the Pakistan Govern-ment are not allowing players faute de mieux, can reasonably be under their control (exercised described as world champlooships.

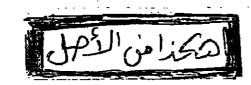
through the Pekistan Squash Rackets Federation and PIA, who employ the leading Pakistani

Latest European snow reports

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:







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I Lad still under a mable to run at on Saturday, the Gold Cup picture open. Reports from t that Brown Lad's t too serious. All convinced that even at fit Brown Lad i enough to triumph and at Cheltenham, thence has taught us aces are not won by sces are not won by evon and Fort Fox redentials and are But at their present ces do not appear bre and more it is bok as though an up steeplechaser might n in March. Border

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home. If he puts in a clear round Crofton Hall should have little to

feat from his opponents today.
On Warwick's all steeplechasing programme Killerby, who escaped a penalty when winning an Opportunity Handicap by 25 lengths at Wincanton, has Bienfait to beat in the Prince Thorpe Handicap Steeplechase.

Paris, Feb 14-Members of the

English, Irish and French horse

racing authorities will lay down

a common policy concerning new

rules on doping when they meet here on February 17. This meet-ing precedes the international conference on doping to be held in Rome from March 22 to 24.

During their meeting in London last month, veterinary surgeons and analysis from the three countries shared the same views,

Guillot ag Correspondent

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ERAL HURDLE (Handicap: £382: 2m 330yd)

Moschata, F. Walton, 6-11-7 ... Mr F. Walton 7
Casey Boy (C-0), J. Skelton, 11-11-7 ... R. Barry
Part One, G. Richards, 8-11-7 ... J. O'Neill
Majordome, D. Doyle, 6-10-11 ... K. Gray
New City, J. Berry, 4-10-7
Palace, W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-7 ... T. Stack
Rose of France, D. Jormy, 9-10-6 ... L. Lungo
Long Sowman, K. Morgan, 7-10-6 ... P. A. Chariton 7
Whikter's Varid, D. Jermy, 9-10-3 ... C. Faulkmer 7
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Birdlover, B. Wilkinsch, 7-11-0 D. Alkins
Crotion Hall, J. Dixon, 8-11-0 M. Barnes
Embassy, B. Cambidge, 6-11-0 M. Bornes
'Follow Ma. Miss M. Berran, 9-11-0 M. Lowry 5
Hindhape, Mrs S. Fizzerald, 7-0 M. Lowry 5
Hindhape, Mrs S. Fizzerald, 7-0 R. Lamb
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Phryxus, F. Dundas, 4-11-0 D. Mangan
Just About, W. Murray, 9-11-0 J. Armstrang 3
Phryxus, F. Dundas, 4-11-0 Mr A. Thomson 7
Phryxus, F. Dundas, 4-11-0 J. Armstrang 3
Phryxus, F. Dundas, 4-11-0 J. J. O'Neill
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Ramzani, D. Jermy, 3-10-1 Embassy, B-1
Hall, 1-1 Seege Warbler, 5-1 Birlevee, 7-1 Embassy, B-1 Ramzani, D. Jermy, 5-10-5

n Hall, 1-1 Sedge Warbler, 5-1 Birdlover, 7-1 Embassy, B-1

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Braw Lad (C-D), T. Dalgeity 8-11-9

Puple Gem. A. Eubank. 9-11-7

Berganger, G. Richards 8-11-4

Bishopa Pawn, J. Nelson, 6-11-4

Cool Imp. H. Rebanks. 6-11-0

Cool Imp. H. Rebanks. 6-10-0

Mr. H. O'Neill

Lordel (C-D), S. Leadbetter, 6-10-5

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John McNab. J. Loves 5-10-0

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DS NOOK HURDLE (Novices: £340: 2m 330yd)

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g Bowman. 2.15 Crofton Hall. 2.45 Bishops Pawn. 3.15 THE IGHT is specially recommended. 3.45 Winter Chimes. 4.15

Doubt'd runner.

de Park 16: ROUNDEL HURBLE (DIV 16: 23-40: 2m 176yd; b g, by Wreth Rambler y Lee (Mr.) F. Russell; J. J. O'Neill (3-2) 1 ... J. J. O'Neill (3-2) 2 tendly, P. James (15-2; 3 RAN: 4-1 Brother George, 8-1 12-1 Rigorous (4th). 20-1 Lingwei Cray, 35-1 CQuaker 33-1 Sally Fare, 6- Sub Judice, 50-1 Droitens, 1) Sauterrile (p), Capital's ill Moor (p), Mid Vale, Heri-le, Terran Royal, 22 ren.

1.45 (1.46) SWALLOW STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: 2675: 2m)
Radhin, hr 9, by Barbin—Flush
Regal (Rex Carter), 8-11-8

(Rex Carter), 8-11-8

(Rex Carter), 8-11-10

Cattle King P. Greenall (7-1) 1

Swanny Galde.
Mr T. Walford (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Le Jet (7, 11-2) indian Emperor (7, 12-1) Royal

Sermon (4th), 16-2 Dunyasha (7), 20-1

20-1 Hedrek, Perfect Match, 25-1

Brown Barman, Pampered Sovereign (9), 33-1 Colmeigh Moss (70), 50-1

Lord Street, Tudor Cracker, 14 ram.

TOTE: Win, 589: places, 21p, 64p, 43p; Rex Carter, Swaffnam, 5i, 15l.

2.15 (2.17) BLUE POSTS HURDLE 2.16 (2.17) BLUE POSTS HURDLE (Handicap: £660: 2m 5(104yd)



Birds Nest jumps the last flight on his way to victory at Wolverhampton.

Birds Nest can be top of the tree

fully fit.

Over Carlisle's testing three miles the Last Light's stamina will be seen to full advantage. Staying is his real game and with only 10 st 12 lb to carry in a modest handicap. The Last Light is a confident selection to beat such as Lord of the Hills, Rolls Rambler, and Soutra.

The Wigton trainer could land a double with Crofton Hall in the Kirkington Novices' Steeplechase. Beaten only a length and a half by that useful hurdler, Mark Henry, at Ayr in November, Crofton Hall would have overcome Old Vince on his steeplechasing debut at Catterick on Saturday but for his rider losing an iron when the eight-year-old blundered at the third fence from home. If he puts in a clear round frofting Hall should have likely to Birds Nest gave a silk smooth terformance in winning the Volverhampton Champion Hurdle Trial yesterday afternoon and re-mains a firm favourite to depose Night Nurse from his throne next month. "I've nothing to say", Bob Turnell said. "That's his last run before Cheltenham". The Mariborough trainer had no need Marborough trainer had no need to say anything. Birds Nest's impeccable hurdling and class was evident even in yesterday's slowly run race. Andrew Turnell was delighted with his performance. "That was splendid, considering they went no gallop at all", the jockey said. lockey said.

Birds Nest and O'Conna disputed the lead until the 7-2 on

puted the lead until the 7-2 on favourite went on at haifway. At the second last, Comedy of Errors and Gambling Prince closed to within a length, but Turnell was sitting as quiet as a mouse. Once on the flat, Birds Nest strolled clear of his struggling rivals with ears pricked to beat Comedy of Errors by five lengths with Gambling Prince six lengths away third. third.
Owned in partnership by the trainer, and Mr Ian Scott, Birds Nesr looked his handsome best.

Nest looked his handsome best. Possessed of far more quality than most hurdlers, Birds Nest's shining coat paid eloquent tribute to his trainer's skill. There is no point in backing Birds Nest at his present price before the day itself, but if the ground rides soft at Cheltenham. I have little doubt that we saw the future champion Cheltenham, I have little doubt that we saw the future champion at Wolverhampton yesterday.

Turnell said that his other Champion Hurdle possible, Beacon, Light, had recovered from his slight setback, Jim Joel's six-yearold will be aimed at either Nottingham's City Trial Hurdle next Monday or the Kingwell

Warwick programme

3 m 300yd)

Warwick selections

Ry Our Newmarket Correspondent

3.0 Vulgans Trout. 4.30 Single Spur.

2.0 RYTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Div I: £493: 2m)

3.0 GEORGE CONEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,289;

31m StUyd)
0-22033 Lagr Forward, R. Armytage, 11-11-7 ... J. Francome
3-31110 Bighora, C. Miller, 13-11-6 ... D. Cartwright,
100-900 Ballybright, I. Dudgeon, 10-10-13 ... R. Linley
701-024 Herminius (C), Mrs. N. Whittlett, 9-10-4 ... C. Smith, 7
22-4300 Going to Roost, M. Taic, 9-10-5 ... A. Webber
12-2200 Vulgats Trout, D. Morier, 9-10-6 ... B. R. Davies
4pp-304 Seffron Cake, B. Cambidge, 8-10-6 ... R. Carisk
11-452p04333 ladian Pyrits (C), Mrs. B. Shaw, 11-10-0 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
1-0040 Mac Vid. Milss P. Neol. 12-10-0 ... Mr A. J. Wilson
0-p Dramalong, R. J. Smith, 11-10-0 ... W. Smith
0-p Dramalong, R. J. Smith, 11-10-0 ... C. Thorner
7-2 Herminius, 4-1 Loan Forward, 9-2 Bighorn, 6-1 Ballybright, 8-1 Hinter

7-2 Herminius, 4-1 Lean Forward, 9-2 Bighorn, 6-1 Ballybright, 8-1 Hinterland, 12-1 Saffron Cake, 14-1 Mac Vidi, 10-1 Going to Hoost, Indian Pyrite, 25-1 others.

330 BURTON HILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £594; 3mf)
3 620130 Rassman (D), P. Balley, B.11-1 ... P. Evans
3 621022 Waterella, M. J. Dans, J. Greenall, 7-11-3 ... Mr P. Greenall
6 9-49102 Waterella, M. J. Dans, J. 1-10-1 ... B. Smart 5
8 2710-50 Vehen King, M. Tair, 4-10-11 ... R. Hyett
11 0-00043 Alex Lewis, W. A. Sterhenson, 7-10-9 ... G. Fautkner 3
12 29-4020 Patent, D. Barons, 7-10-9 ... P. Leach
13 33303 Gardenvale, P. Cundell, R-10-8 ... J. Francome
15 0-007ap Walleyes, J. Webber, 7-10-7 ... A. Webber
17 032-700 Simone Marital, F. Mann, 8-10-7 ... Mr R. Mann 7
18 Gp-4dop Seergy Saver, E. Conclins, 7-10-7 ... Mr R. Mann 7
19 47300 Marishia Hell, M. Oliver, B-10-7 ... Mr R. Mann 7
20 (3-duro Ross, M. Tair, 7-10-7 ... Mr R. Mann 7
21 p00 Ringchat, T. Forster, 7-10-7 ... G. Thorner
4-1 Gardenvale, 5-1 Watsfella, 11-2 Copshill, 6-1 Rossmon, Alec Lewis, 8-1
Velvet King, 10-1 Patent, 13-1 others

4.0 PRINCETHORPE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £777: 2½m)

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Paddy's Read Homse (D), F. Winter, 9-12-5 ... R. Kington 3

2-0-3042 Rativelly (D), R. Head, 9-12-1 ... J. Francome

7-0507-22 'Mr Straight, W. Fisher, 4-19-13 ... C. Brown 5

10-124170 Silps, G. Vergette 8-19-13 ... P. Kelly 5

13-30024-p. Binglaid (nm. S. Wolte, 9-10-5 ... J. Glovey

13-30024-p. Binglaid (C-D), D. Gendelfo, 9-10-0 ... P. Barlon

15-107-40 Secord of Kines (C-D), E. King, 9-10-0 ... M. Flord 5

19-00046 Manitas, M. Henriques, 8-10-0 ... G. Thomper

21 p240-2 Euckingham, R. Turnell, 7-10-0 ... S. C. Knight

23 000-pp0 Star Pearl, G. Nicholson, 8-10-0 ... C. Griffiths

24 004402- Celife Delight, M. Tate, 7-10-0 ... R. Mann

2-1 Killerby, S.-2 Halbrilly, 11-2 Buckinsham, 8-1 Paddy's Road House, 10-1

French Legend, 12-1 Partgale Inn. 16-1 others.

4.30 RYTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices : Div II : £480 : 2m)

4.50 KYTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Div II: £480: 2m)

1 301034 Brangy Fare, B. Shaw, 7:11:10 Mr A. Wilson

5 1011-00 Count Kinure, F. Winter, 7:11:10 Mr A. Francoine

8 044004 Harry, J. Harry, 6:11:0 Mr N. Twiston-Dark's 7

9 4-00 Harry, J. Harry, 6:11:0 Mr N. Twiston-Dark's 7

10 03-009 Meverbleds, H. Harry, 6:11:0 Mr E. Harner, 7:11:0 Mr E. Harry, 14:000-2 Never Worry, W. Fisher, 7:11:0 Mr E. Harner, 7:11:0 Sixbound K. Balley, 7:10 S. Morshead

10 04-02 Meyer Worry, W. Fisher, 7:11:0 S. Morshead

10 04-04 Meyer Morry, W. Fisher, 7:11:0 S. Morshead

11:0 04-04 Meyer, 11:0 Sixbound K. Balley, 7:10 S. Morshead

12:1 Count Kinure, 7:2 Never Worry, 3:1 Island Prince, 6:1 Skyhound, 8:1

Brandy Fare, 12:1 Vido, 1:1 Kevin's Slipper, 10:1 Hilarity, 20:1 others.

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Pop Song. 2.30 Party Line. 3.0 Herminius. 3.30 Gardenvale. 4.0
Killerby. 4.30 Count Kinure.

3.30 BURTON HILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £594: 3m)

2.0 RYTON SIEKPLECHASE (Novices: DIV 1: 2

7. Baltures Covert, D. Barons. 8-11-0

8. 3040 Ghaltoner, J. Webbor, 2-11-0

8. 0-00 Cove Bay, E. Cousins. 6-11-0

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10. 4-0b730 Hill End, S. Palmer, 7-11-0

10. 209-02 Neos Star, R. Turthell. 8-11-0

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10. 209-03 Peps Star, R. Turthell. 8-11-0

10. Tesio Lad, J. Elweul, 9-11-0

11-5 Neon Slar, 7-2 Pop Song, 4-1 Malford Grove, 7
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10. Coolishall, 12-1 Hill End, Bollown Covern, 14-1 others.

2.30 AIR WEDDING STEEPLECHASE (£425: 2{m)

would meet Dramatist.

Fred Rimell was equally pleased with Comedy of Errors.

"Considering that he hasn't run since November," the Severn Stoke trainer said, "that was most satisfying. He'll definitely go to Ireland on Saturday and now that he's had a race, we'll be able to make more use of him." A decision about Comedy of Errors's attempt to win the Champion Hurdle for the third time, will be taken after his Irish trip. The 10-year-old is also engaged in the three nile Lloyds Bank Hurdle at the National Hunt Festival and, remembering the way he beat

remembering the way he beat Grand Canyon over that distance at Liverpool last April, that race could be his most likely target. Rimell also said that last year's Grand National hero, Rag Trade would have a two mile work out on Henry Candy's gallops at Kingston Warren this morning. This will decide whether or not pierce Raymond's 11-year-old Pierre Raymond's 11-year-old attempts to repeat last year's triumph in the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow on Saturday. National at Chepstow on Saturday.

There is now a distinct possibility that there may be two English runners in the Erin Foods Hurdle on Saturday. Peter Easterby announced yesterday that Night Nurse could well travel to Ireland. "The going is only soft at Leopardstown at present," Easterby said, "and if there is no more rain, it will be well worth while having a crack at such a valuable prize."

The Malton trainer also declared that Sea Pigeon would go to Cheltenham without a preliminary race and that Pat Muldoon's unlucky Newbury loser, Cabroly, could well run against Toby Balding's Daily Express Triumph Hurdle favourite, Decent

Newcastle on Seturday.

Rimel obtained quick revenge over Turnell when Zip Fastener justified 11-8 favouritism in the Shrewsbury Cup. Zip Fastener, flicking over his fences, set his usual strong gallop, but the race looked all over when Wild Fox loomed up at the final fence. After taking the jump none too cleanly, however, Wild Fox's ears went back, and he would do no more. Rimell has done a fine job in restoring Zip Fastener's confiin restoring Zip Fastener's confi-dence which was slattered after his fall at Newbury in the autumn. The trainer in form, Tony Dickinson, had his fifth winner

in the last two racing days when Gay Spartan easily landed the odds of 5-2 laid on him in the Chesterton Novices Steeplechase. Michael Dickinson confirmed that both yesterday's winner and Tommy Joe would run in the Berni Ims Stakes Final at Not-Berni Ims Stakes Final at Not-tingham on Saturday, the race that the stable has captured in the past two years with Shirlath and Guiding Star. The jockey also said that Broncho II would take on Gordon Richards's Gold Cup hope, Tamalin, in the Trout Steeplechase at Newcastle on Friday.

Jonjo O'Neill, who has been released by Gordon Richards to ride Sea Pigeon in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, was in devastating form at Teesside Park yesterday. He had three rides for the Greystoke trainer, and landed a double with Napazi and Sea Count and was runner-up on Tamdhu.

Napazi, bought three years ago at the Newmarket Sales for a modest 1,500 grineas, is owned by Kenoeth Goodall.

Results at Wolverhampton-2.0 (2.2) CHASTERTON STEEPLE CHASE (Novices: £563: 3m)

CHASE (Novices: \$565: 3m)

Gay Spartan, b g, by Spartan
General—Copper Lace (M. Armstrong). 6-1210

Friyours, M. Dickinson (2-5) 1

Friyours, M. J. Evens (10-1) 2

Filtermers, R. Crank (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-1 Nobre Bessur (p),

14-1 Lucy Parker (4th), 35-1 Lambath

141, 50-1 Arr en Cjel, Barberry (u),

Sprouk (p), Tamer, 10 ras,

TOTE: Win, 12p; places, 11p, 16p,

18p: doal forcast; 51p. A. Dickinson

at Gisburn, 51, bad. 2.30 (2.31) CHILLINGTON HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £343; Smile Processes (Novices: 2545)

High Prospect, b g, by Arctic Siave
Scupeosity (J. Edwards, 7-11-0

Canadha, Mr J. Edwards (5-1) 7

Canadha, Mr P. Brookshaw (14-1) 2

Tosselts, ... Mr C. Saunders (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: -1 Iav Keep, 9-2 Canabulle, 11-2 Mp in the Br P. 1-1 Tarapulle (11-2 Mp) in the Br P. 1-1 Tarapulle's Star, 53-1 Sparrelle, 13-1 Tarapulle's Star, 53-1 Sparrelle, 14-1 Tarapulle's Star, 53-1 3.0 (3.2) CHAMPION HURDLE TRIAL (£2,075; 2m) (£2,075; 2m)

Sirds Nest, ch g, by Entanglement

—Fair Sabrina (i. Scotti; 7-12-0

A Tunnel (2-7) 1

Comedy of Errors, J. Burke (6-1) 2

Gambling Princa

H. J. Evans (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 14-1 O'Conna (4th),

66-1 Sweetock, 5 ran, 5.30 (3.51) SHREWSBURY CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £854: 4.0 (4.2) PLAYING FIELDS HURDLE (Handlesp: \$418; 2m) \$400 added.

TOTE DOUBLE: Birds Nest, Hello Sallor, S12.5S. TREBLE: High Prospect, Zip Fastener, Daving Dolly. 257.30.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Grand National Liberpool: Golden Lancer (at 11.50 am fee plant) National Human Shoppled olden Lancer (Christopher Golden Lancer (at 11.50 am on Feb 11th). All enagements (dead): Alaska Nell, Home Wood.

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ALSO RAN: 5-) Lucknow. 16-1 Chasseur. 2D-1 Flarton (24t). Mauritus.

S-1 Solo Sam, Drillante (D), 70-1

Rubert, Alcayde, Petenio (D), Tucker

Return. 15 zan.

TOTE: Win, 66p: places, 16p. 12p.
15p. S. Hall, at Middleham. 2.

15t. Flying Rugue did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Napazi. Tunmiles

Baille, 612,65, TREBLE: Redbia, Sou

Count, Bracmar, £30,60. 31yd)
Timmice Bastie, b h, by Battic Burn
—Fort Flame (P. Greenall).
6-12-0
Mr P. Greenall (11-10 fav) 1
Jester's Cap ... Mr J. Walton (6-1) 2
King Bee ... Mr W. Brown (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 Border Brig (f).
12-1 Chumokovi (f), 14-1 Greving
pock, 16-1 Lucius, 20-1 Happy Boy
ii (4th), 25-1 Ali Cash (p), Laxiard
Bridge (p), 50-1 Kliowen Prince (p),
Primecut (f), 12 fan.

A well-drilled Cambridge leave Tideway with their tails high

With only five weeks left before Cambridge point their bows towards Mortiake for the Boat Race on March 19 (1 pm) their might be every reason to suspect that Cambridge are faster than Oxford at this stage. Cambridge finished Saturday's combat with the Tideway Scullers, a length a minute faster, which is far more handsome a profit than Oxford could extract out of the same crew the weekend before.

On Saturday the Tideway Scullers totally underestimated Cambridge. They started off by treating them with contempt and the Scullers' lesson should be more than sufficient for Oxford. In short, the Tideway Scullers performed like a man with his bioritythms out of phase.

Cambridge started Saturday with a solo run on the Tideway and the sky opened up on them. Over lunch Manser, the Cambridge cox, was reduced to Carrying out univex chores watching Cambridge's multi-coloured kit kaleldoscoping in a tumble drier. By the end of the afternoon, it was Cambridge who sent the Tideway Scullers to the cleaners.

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four four-minute rows. Lou
Earry, the Scullers' coach, told
them "fo hold Cambridge for the
first two and then make your
strike". In the first two fourminute rows Cambridge took one
and a half lengths and one length
lead, respectively. But to achieve

clash.

By now the Scullers' eight were fed up with the whole affair and, to crown it, Michael Sweeney, the Cambridge coach, set Cambridge off for the final row with almost three quarters of a length advantage. The Scullers offered no resistance to this and Cambridge looked to be almost four lengths ahead in the fourth minute, when

this Cambridge raced while the Scullers plodded. Even the Cambridge cox could not awake the Scullers from their big sleep with two budges.

By the end of the second piece Cambridge were sprinting almost at 40 strokes a minute, six higher than their opponents, and at the end looked as if they had blown a gasket. Now it should have been the turn of the Scullers to take over. For the third race, they lifted their rate for the first time, but within 30 seconds the crews were inter-meshed and the air rendered several shades of blue.

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Several minutes later the race was restared, and the Scullers no longer a "Rip van Winke" eight, moved out to a turee-quarter length lead in 60 seconds, but the coxwains were at it again. A clash at one and a half minutes stopped Cambridge momentarily in their tracks. Inns, the Scullers' cox, now had his opponents at his mercy, but instead of moving out to an empty and beckoning Tideway route, he swang his crew over in Cambridge's path and invertably the proceedings finished with a Clash.

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Motor racing

Scheckter has no great expectations

Johannesburg, Feb 14.--Jody Scheckter of South Africa, surprise winner of the Argentine Grand Prix in January, said here today he did not expect to win the South African Formula One world championship event in March. The car is still so new and we've got to find out so much. The Argentine win was really a bonus", Scheckter said.

When Scheckter's new Wolfwhen schecker's new won-ford car was revealed in Novem-ber, the Wolf team spoke of aim-ing for a "no mistakes" season. It was the first time a completely new car had won the first time out. In 1967 the late Jim Clark won the Dutch Grand Prix in a Lotus that gave the first victory for the Ford-Cosworth DFV engine but Lotus was already a well-established team. "We can't expect a new team and a new c to be winning races at this stage Scheckter added.

Scheckter added:
Scheckter won the South African Grand Prix on the Kyalami circuit, situated between Johannesburg and Pretoria, in 1975. The Wolf team has been given permission to start unofficial practice at Kyalami ou Wednesday. Official practice starts on February 23: The Grand Prix third round in the world championship will be run on March 5.—Agence France-Presse.

RILC asked to support Tote monopoly

The Racing Industry Lizison Committee (RILC) have been asked to land their support to the Tote-operated state betting monopoly proposed by the Horse-race Totalisator Roard in their recent supprission to the Port race Totalisator Board in their recent submission to the Royal Commission to the Royal Commission on Gambling.

The Tote's evidence was discussed at a meeting in London yesterday of RILC, which recognizes the need for increased finance for the Racing Industry. Eric Barber and Alfred Bruce, two bookmakers, and Phil Bull, who represents the punters on RILC, predictably voiced their opposition to the Tote's "save racing" scheme.

But RILC agree that "in the absence of any alternative sugges-

absence of any alternative suggestion, further careful consideration should be given to the proposals, provided it could be shown satisfactorily that the forecast profits could be made by the Tote, and that those profits would accrue for the benefit of the industry, and that the betting public would accept such a system."

Olympic Games

to pay more to watch Olympics

Paris, Feb 14.—The deal reached between the organizers of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the American television company, NBC (National Broadcasting Corporation), could mean West Europeans will have to pay a high price to watch the Olympics on their television sets. Sources close to the Inter-

Athletics '

Europe may have Miss Fredericks breaks world record

meeting at the Olympic Velo-

national Olympic Committee here have suggested that Eurovision members may be forced to pay double the \$4m paid to the Montreal Olympic organizers last year. The feeling was that now that the Soviet Union have been that the Soviet Union have been assured of the capital investment necessary to build a transmission centre, they could afford to take their time in concluding deals with the rest of the world's television organizations.

NBC have agreed to pay immediately the \$50m agreed to finance the new centre—probably to be equipped by a Fr-h

Montreal, Feb 14. - Jane Fredericks, of the United States. ran the 50 metres hurdles in 6.56 sec to break the world indoor record and lead other Americans in the domination of the La Presse invitation athletics

drome here.

Miss Fredericks, who broke the 6.71 sec record set in 1973 by Annelie Erhhardt, of East Germany, also finished fourth in the high jump and was named the outstanding performer of yesterday's meeting.

American women also won the 50 metres, 800 metres, 400 me

1,500 metres events and the 800 metres relay. Jeannette Bolden took 6.43sec for the 50 metres, took 6.43sec for the 50 metres, beating another American, Brenda Calboun (6.46), and Andrea Lynch, of Britain (6.49).

Other United States winners were: Robyn Campbell in the 300 metres (2:9.06), Rosalyn Bryant in the 400 metres (55.02) and Francie Larrieu Lutz in the 1,500 metres (4:22.99).

American men won seven of 11 events, falling only to Eamoun Coughlan. of Ireland, in the 1,500 metres, Don Quarric. of 1 Jamaica, in the 50 metres, Tom Griffin, of Canada, in the 1,000 metres and Claude Ferrange, of Canada, in the high Jump.

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Rent arrears paid by liquidator: no tax relief

Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Goff [Judgments delivered February 11]

For the purposes of computing allowable deductions from capital gains, a payment by a liquidator in respect of arrears of rent made to a landlord in order to obtain consent to assign a lease does not "enhance the value" of the lease, nor can it be said to "preserve" the taxpayer company's title to it within the meaning of paragraph 4(1)(b) of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 1985 Further paragraph 4(1)(b) of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act, 1965. Further, paragraph 5(2) of the schedule operated to exclude the company from relief because the payment is rent which must be assumed to be made in respect of a fixed asset of a trade and thus deductible in computing profits.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer company from Mr Justice Fox (The Times, December 19, 1975; [1976] 1 WLR 749), who allowed an appeal by the Crown from a decision of special commissioners allowing an appeal by the taxpayer company against an assessment to corporation tax in respect of chargeable gains on the disposal of assets.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

The taxpayer company, incorporated in 1969, carried on business hiring out computer time from leasehold premises in Oxford Street, London. The total annual rental for the premises was 135,000. The business was not a success and it business was not a success and it business was not a £35,000. The business was not a success and it went into voluntary liquidation in April, 1970, at a time when it was in arrears with the rent. On condition that all arrears would be met, the landlord agreed to the liquidator assigning to new tenants the leasehold interests in the premises. The arrears were paid and the liquidator treelyed consideration of received consideration of 593,155 from the new tenants. Appealing against an assessment to corporation tax for 1970-71 of 522,352, the company contended

V Computer Time International
Ltd (in liquidation)

Before Lord Justice Ruckley Lord

Computer Time International to the landlord for arrears of rent due after the date of liquidation and qualified as an allowable

Paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 6 provides that "... the sums allowable as a deduction from the allowable as a deduction from the consideration in the computation under this Schedule of the gain accruing to a person on the disposal of an asset shall be restricted to . . . (b) the amount of any expenditure wholly and exclusively incurred . . . for the purpose of enhancing the value of the asset, being expenditure reflected in the state or nature of the asset at the

being expenditure reflected in the state or nature of the asset at the time of the disposal, and any expenditure... in establishing, preserving or defending his title to, or a right over, the asset."

Paragraph 5(2) provides that ... there shall be excluded from the sums allowable... as a deduction in the computation under this Schedule any expenditure which, if the assets ... were ... used as part of the fixed capital of a trade the profits or gains of which were ... chargeable to income tax would be allowable as a deduction in computing the profits or gains or losses of the trade for the purposes of of the trade for the purposes of locome tax*.

Mr Peter Whiteman for the company: Mr Peter Gibson for

Mr Peter Whiteman for the company; Mr Peter Gibson for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE ORR said that the issue was whether the £5,121 was an allowable deduction in computing the capital gains arising from the disposal of the taxpayer company's interests in the premises in Oxford Street.

If the payment did not fall within that paragraph 4(1) (b) of Schedule 6 it failed to qualify as a deduction; if it did fall within it it was necessary to go on to decide whether it was disqualified as a deduction by paragraph 5(1) or (2).

To qualify under paragraph 4(1) (b) the payment must be expenditure incurred either wholly and exclusively "for the purpose of enhancing the value of the asset." Or "in establishing preserving or defending," title to an asset. The special commissioners had been satisfied that the liquiment on the point; his Lordship

feiture proceedings. However, he did allow the appeal on the ground that the payment was rent coming within the express exclusion from

allowable deductions in paragraph

The first question in the company's appeal was whether the judge had been right in assuming that the payment qualified as a deduction under paragraph 4(1) (b). His Lordship said that he did not find it possible to fit the performance of obligations under leave into either of the phrases. performance of obligations under a lease into either of the physics used in the subparagraph. If a tenant in breach of covenants allowed premises to fall into discrepair they became less valuable; if the tenant then effected repairs the value of the premises would be restored but it would be a misure of language to say that their

dator's purpose in entering into the agreement with the landlord was to obtain the right to assign the leases and as such the payment did "enhance the value". As to the second stage, paragraph 5, they held that the payment was a capital payment and not therefore disqualified.

On the Crown's appeal from that decision, Mr Justice Fox held that it was not apt to describe the payment as "enhancing the value" but thought, without deciding the point, that it was possibly correct to say the payment "preserved" title because had it not been made to income tax ". Thus the premises must be assumed to have been used as such fixed capital up to the imme of the disposals.

Mr Whiteman then, relying on Littliewood Mail Order Stores Ltd and the profit of the disposals.

used as such fixed capital up to the time of the disposals.

Mr Whiteman then, relying on Littlewood Mail Order Stores Ltd v McGregor ([1969] 1WLR 1241) and IRC v Land Securities Investment Trust Ltd ([1969] 1 WLR 604), invited the court to treat the payment as being capital and not revenue expenditure. Those cases, however, had rightly been distinguished by Mr Justice Fox on the ground that in those cases new capital assets had been acquired; ground that in those cases new capital assets had been acquired; that was not so in the present case and no expenditure of a capital nature had been incurred in relation to the existing assets.

Finally, Mr Whiteman claimed that the taxpayer should be able to be the capital assets.

to obtain relief either under the capital gains tax provisions or as a deduction under Schedule 6. He invited the court to construe para-graphs 4 and 5 so as to achieve that result. But the court's duty was to apply the terms of the stainte and for the reasons given it was not possible to construe the provisions in the way suggested. The remaining issue related to The remaining issue related to paragraph 5(1) and involved matters of accountancy practice, as to which there was no evidence before the commissioners. It was sufficient to say that the Crown had accepted that the burden was on it to show that subparagraph applied and it had failed to discharge it.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeals

appeal. Lord Justice Goff delivered a concurring judgment, and Lord Justice Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: Kingsley, Napley & Co; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

of injury although it was different in that the moment of injury could not be identified.

dants. It was clear from the evidence of the defendants that it would be extremely difficult for anyone to remember what had

happened at the time of the par-ticular tumble.

His Lordship thought that the

His Lordship prefaced his judg

Oueen's Bench Division Limitation Acts difficulties in back injury cases

Before Mr Justice Thesiger

[Judgment delivered February 4] An employee's action for damages for a back injury alleged to have resulted from an unreported incident more than five years before, was stopped by Mr Justice Thesiger on the hearing of a pre-liminary issue.

His Lordship refused to exercise the court's discretion to allow the action to proceed under section 20 action to proceed under section 2D of the Limitation Act, 1975, on the ground that "the evidence adduced or likely to be adduced would be less cogent than if the action had been brought within" the specified time.

The action of Mr Idris Davies, aged 65, of Albert Street, Ramsgate, Kent. against British Insulated Callender's Cables Ltd. for damages for injuries alleged to it was difficult to believe that he was wholly ignorant of the possi-bility of suing an employer for an

damages for injuries alleged to have been caused by an accident at work in 1970, was dismissed as

at work in 1970, was dismissed as the writ was not issued within three years of the accident. It was issued on March 1. 1976. Mr Rodger Hayward-Smith for Mr Davies; Mr Hugh Carlisle for the defendant company.

HIS LORDSHIP said that about November 3, 1976, Mr Davies, with other men, was cleaning a long pipe before laying a cable in it. The men pulled brushes attached to a rope through the pipe to remove any obstruction. The rope went over their shoulders. Mr Davies alleged that an obstruction in the pipe had stopped the rope suddenly and he had tumbled over and injured his back. If the case continued Mr Davies would claim that there had been no safe system of work. There was no report of an accident on November 3 and no statements

" resistance abusive "

HIS LORDSHIP, after dealing with various discretionary matters under the Act, considered the question whether the damages for "resistance abusive", a head of damages awarded against a defendamages awarded against a defendant who had unreasonably refused to pay a claim, should be registered. The problem was whether registration was prevented under section 1(2)(b) of the Act, which provided that registration could take place if "(b) there is payable [under a judgment] a sum of money not being a sum payable in respect of taxes or other charges of a like nature or in respect of a fine or other penalty."

From Our Correspondent

Manchester
Manchester
Alan Hadfield, an industrial training adviser, said he was elsewhere when stolen cheques were

where when stolen cheques were being cashed, but his fingerprints were found on two of the cheques and be was picked out at identification parades by people who had cashed cheques passed by him, Manchester Crown Court was told vectorials.

yesterday.
Mr Hadfield, aged 29, of Clare-

An application for bail by

Malcolm Llewellyn-Dance, an

international financier, who is

in Pentonville prison, London,

awaiting extradition to Aus-

tralia to face \$2m fraud

charges, was dismissed in the

Opposing the application on behalf of the Australian Gov-ernment, Mr Clive Nicholls con-

tended that the "enormity of the fraud would be an induce-

ment to Mr. Lilewellyn-Dance to

Financier loses

plea for bail

High Court yesterday.

was wholy ignorant of the possibility of suing an employer for an injury caused at work. Most people who knew that would collect evidence quickly in order to substantiate their claim. Mr Davies did nothing until 1975 when a fellow patient in hospital suggested that he might be able to claim damages. He then went to a solicitor. Prima facie the Limitation Act, 1939, barred his belated claim.

The matter turned on section 2D of the Limitation Act, 1975, which provided: "(I) If it appears to the court that it would be equitable to allow an action to proceed having regard to the degree to which—(a) the provisions of section 2A... of this Act prejudice the plaintiff... and (b) any decision of the court under this section would prejudice the defendant... the court may direct that those provisions shall

the rope suddenly and he had tumbled over and injured his back. If the case continued Mr Davies would claim that there had been no safe system of work. There was no report of an accident on November 3 and no statements were taken.

It was well known that cases direct that those provisions shall direct that those provisions shall not apply to the action.

(3) In acting under this section the court shall have regard to all in particular to—(a) the length of, and the reasons for the delay on the part of the plaintiff; (b) the extent to which, having regard

'Resistance abusive'

SA Consortium General Textile v Sun & Sand Agencies Ltd An award of damages by a French court to French plaintiffs against English defendants under the head of "resistance abusive" such matters as contractual penalties and exemplary damages to which "resistance abusive" (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act. (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act,

Mr Justice Parker was giving judgment in an appeal and cross-appeal against an order made in chambers registering a judgment of the Tribunal de Commerce de Lille for the plantiffs for the price of goods sold and delivered and 10,000 francs for. "resistance abusive". The defendants had claimed, inner alla, that the damages for "resistance abusive". should not be registered.

The plaintiffs had argued that "fine or other penalty" referred only to fines or penalties of a public nature and did not cover private rights; the defendants claimed that those words covered

The provisions of section 1(2)(b) covered the rule of international law which prohibited the courts of one country from enforcing the penal laws of another. It was necessary to con-sider the words in their coutext' and there were no authorities that were of any assistance in the con-struction of the provision.

In his Lordship's judgment what was recoverable as "resistance abusive" was damages. It was in some ways similar to exemplary damages and in others to interest. Both were heads of damages percovariable by to interest. Both were heads of damages recoverable by a private individual against another in respect of a civil wrong. Neither bore any similarity to taxes or fines. Damages for "resistance abusive" were not a fine, wor could they be described as an "other penalty". The penalties referred to in section 1(2)(b) were those recoverable for some public wrong; they were not penalties recoverable by an individual in a civil action for breach of a private right. Damages for "resistance abusive" could therefore he proposely

18 months for cashing stolen cheques

The charges were specimen ones, the court was told; he had ob-

tained money in that way 30 times, usually £30 at a time.

A supermarket was opened in

Oldham to carry out a fraud and

was never intended to be a

genuine business, a court was told

yesterday. In five months debts

exceeding £44,000 were incurred.

Mr Douglas Brown, QC, for the prosecution, said at Manchester Crown Court. Then the owner and manager set fire to the shop in order to claim the insurance money, he alleged.

The shop's owner, Alan Ford, aged 36, of Winner Street, Paignton, Devon, and the manager, David Cloke, aged 32, of

From Our Correspondent

mont Avenue, Heaton Chapel.

Stockport, Greater Manchester, was jailed for 18 months after being found guilty of stealing a cheque-book from a fellow guest at an hotel, and 11 offences of using cheques to get money by deception. He demed the offences. The charges were specimen ones, when the offences were com-

'Shop opened for fraud'

Davies v British Insulated Calin in which a back injury was alleged to the delay, the evidence adduced were difficult because, unlike the or likely to be adduced by the in which a back injury was alleged were difficult because, unlike the case of a traumatic injury, the time of the injury could not be pinpointed. Air Davies would simply allege that his back injury which had come on later was partly due to the clearing of the pipe. If that sort of case was to be tried properly it must be tried quickly.

Mr Davies did nothing about instituting a claim against the company, although he had obtained sickness and disablement benefits. He was not a stranger to claims for injuries. He had worked for 40 years in the mines in Kent and it was difficult to believe that he to me actay, the evidence adduced or likely to be adduced by the plaintiff or the defendant is or is likely to be less cogent than if the action had been brought within the time allowed by section 2A. . . ."

Through his delay Mr Davies had let the matter go to sleep for years. It was difficult to believe—and if the burden of proof was on him that was an important matter—that he did not know before 1975 that he could make a Claim against the defendants. It was clear from the evidants. By section 2A(4) the period of limitation is three years from (a) the date on which the cause of action accrued, or (b) the date (if later) of the plaintiff's knowledge."

Mr Davies now asked the court to exercise its discretion to allow the action to proceed on the ground that it would be just and His Lordship thought that the defendants would be greatly prejudiced if the claim was allowed to proceed having regard to the lapse of time, and the particular way in which the claim would be formulated, namely as a claim for back trouble partly, but not wholly related to an incident in 1970 which attracted very little attention at the time. His Lordship would give effect to the limitation part of the statute and exercise his discretion by saying that in the circumstances it would not be equitable to allow the action to proceed having regard in particular to the extent to which the evidence adduced or likely to be adduced would be less cozent than if the action had been brought within the time specified in section 2A. The point would therefore be decided in the defendants' favour.

His Lordship prefaced his judgment by exting that he had iver equitable to do so.

equitable to do so.

The court had been referred to Buck v English Electric Co Ltd (The Times, November 25, 1976) in which Mr Justice Kilner Brown dealt with a point under the Limitation Act, 1975, as a preliminary issue. The defendants had asked his Lordship to do the same and he thought that it was the right course to take, otherwise the defendants would be confronted by a plaintiff who, if he lost, would be unable to contribute to the costs as he was on legal aid. The defendants would also have to collect evidence about an incident that occurred a long time ago and which they did not know was going to result in a claim against them until long after. The defendants would be involved in great trouble and expense and would be left with their own heavy bill of costs to pay. In those circumstances it was natural that injustice might occur because claims which ought was natural that injustice might occur because claims which ought

was natural that injustice might occur because claims which ought not to succeed were settled to avoid incurring heavy bills of costs.

In Buck v English Electric Co Ltd Mr Justice Kilner Brown was dealing with a pneumoconiosis case which, like the asbestosis tases, was in a different category from the present. The defendants in Buck had dealt with many similar cases and were quite in the Crown Court. The attention of everyone concerned had been many similar cases and were quite able to deal with another claim which had gone into limbo. The solicitors: Lovell, Son & Pittpresent case was quite different from Buck, but it was similar Ramsgate; Laces & Co. Liverpool.

Consent to set up in business

aged 37, of Church Street, Falmouth, from the Secretary of State's refusal of consent to his establishing himself in the United Kingdom for the purpose of setting up in business. In allowing the appeal, the ribunal had said that Mr Joseph failed to meet a requirement of paragraph 21, namely, that he was devoting assets of his own to the business proportional to his interest in it; that evidence of those assets was a prerequisite to a successful application; and that "assets" meant financial assets and did not include assets of an intangible Regina v Immigration Appeals Tribunal, Ex parte Joseph Tribunal, Ex parte Joseph
The Divisional Court held that
the Immigration Appeals Tribunal
erred in law in holding that each
of the factors mentioned in paragraph 21 of the Statement of
immigration Rules for Control
after Entry (1973) (HC80) was a
prerequisite to a successful application under the paragraph.
Paragraph 21 provides: "People
admitted as visitors may apply for
the consent of the Secretary of
State to their establishing themselves here for the purpose of set-

selves here for the purpose of setting up in business. Permission will depend on a number of factors, including evidence that the applicant will be devoting assets of his own to the business, proportional to his interest in it, that he will be able to bear his share of any liabilities and that his share of its profits will be sufficient to support him. "MR JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF, who was sitting with the Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Michael Davies, said that the Secretary of State for the Home Department had appealed to the Immigration Appeals Tribunal selves here for the purpose of seta civil action for breach of a private right. Damages for against a determination of an therefore be properly registered. John Maxwell Clarke Joseph,

when the offences were com-

He said he had panicked after being seen by the police.

Park Road, Aldershot, both deny a charge of arson at the shop, Best Buy Supermarket, in 1975. They have also pleaded not guilty to conspiring to defraud an insur-

ance company. Mr Ford also denies obtaining property by

deception.

Mr Brown, said Mr Ford opened the shop having run up debts in Devon. "He started this business

for the purpose of carrying out a

fraud. It was never a gennine business, and it was never intended that it should be so."

Mr Brown alleged that the two men had planned the fire.

The trial is expected to last two or three weeks.

successful application but factors to be taken into account in considering an application. The tribunal should not have regarded themselves as bound by a particular factor. It would have been right to take into account Mr Joseph's personality as being a relevant factor to the success of the business. There had been a failure in the words of the adjudicator, to look at the case "in the round", and, accordingly, the tribunal's decision would be quashed. Men jailed for having 2 tons of explosives

include assets of an intangible nature. Mr Joseph applied to quash the tribunal's decision.

The tribunal had put a wrong construction on paragraph 21. It did not specify prerequisites to a successful application but factors to be taken into account in con-

From Our Correspondent Dublin

Two men detained in a police raid on a farm near Athlone were jailed by the Special Criminal Court, in Dublin yesterday for possessing more than two tons of explosives.

Thomas McIntere and 31 of

explosives.

Thomas McIntyre, aged 31, of Ballylin, and Michael Chapman, aged 45, of Perbane, both co Offaly, were also charged with possessing a Mauser pistol and ammunition with intent to endanged the state of t

ammunition with intent to endanger life.

Mr McIntyre did not recognize the court, Mr Chapman admitted possessing the explosives, but denied the firearm charge.

Mr McIntyre was found guilty on all counts and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. Mr Chapman was acquitted on the firearm charge but was given a seven-year sentence on the explosives charge. The court suspended four years of the sentence on his entering into a bond to keep the peace for seven years. Thomas Peters, a policeman later blinded in a booby-trap explosion, said Mr McIntyre had drawn a gun at the farm and thrown it away. He later handed it to the officer.

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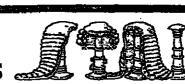
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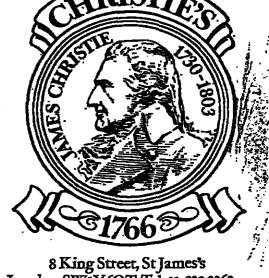
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There are many implications to be considered; but there is one that demands immediate ettention. It is often said—by ministers, by judges and by the police—that our law makes, and should make, no distinction be-tween "political" crime and any other kind; the motives of the criminal may be taken into play no part in determining guilt, and one who commits a crime actually or ostensibly to further some cause in which he believes is in exactly the same position as one who does so for personal gain. The judge in the terrorist trial which ended last week put it clearly when he said to the jury, commenting on the claim by one of the accused that it was a political trial:

It is not. The political views of these dejendants are no concern of ours. We do not have political murders any more than we have political rape or political bigamy.

That is a view which I imagine would commend itself support heavy sentences and other stern measures against terrorists. But it is very logical to insist that "polirical crimes must be treated The other crimes, and then to demand that "political" criminals must be treated differently. In fact there is a case for a radical change in our law, entailing a recognition of a distinction between two types of crime, and I shall have something to say on the subject in a moment; yet while the law does not look more leniently upon a crime committed for a disinterested political motive, but refuses to consider the provenance of the offence, it should not be invited to start considering the provenance for its recommendations, it is once the criminal is in prison, in order to look more harshly into account such matters as the mended that the convicted men should serve a minimum of 30



Miss Anna Mendleson: outrage there will be, but her release is as good an instance as can be imagined of the Parole Board exercising its functions wisely, humanely and fruitfully.

years, but it was quite clear recommendations are advisory that this was because of the only: the Home Secretary has appalling nature of the crimes—to be satisfied that there is no murder, wounding and kidnap unacceptable risk to the public ping—not at all because they in authorizing a release on were IRA terrorists. If you parole, and he would have been doubt that, reflect upon the sentences the train robbers re-That said, we must address

ourselves to the main question : should Miss Mendleson have been released? Yes, of course she should. In the first place. let us remember that she has been released on parole, not unconditionally. If she commits any further offence during the currency of her original sen-tence (less the period that would have been remitted) she can, and almost certainly will. be returned to prison. More-over, although the Parole Board does not publicly give reasons has taken place, and they surely must have done so in this case. Furthermore, the board's

ceived.)

particularly careful in a case of this kind, even it only because a further bomb planted by Miss Mendleson would, whatever other damage it did, blow him out of office. (Incidentally, it is worth recording the fact that in none of the bomb-attacks for which she was sentenced was any person killed or injured.) And the fact that she is the only one of the group sentenced for the same crimes to be released strongly surgests that she has become eligible for parole because of her own qualities, and not merely because she has served four years in prison.

In other words, this seems about as good an instance as can be imagined of the Parole Board exercising its functions upon it. (The judge imposing extent of any reformation that wisely, humanely and fruit-last week's sentences recombas taken place and they surely fully indeed over the Humanely fully; indeed, even the Home Office appears to bave caught

tion, in concealing the news of her release (which took place last November) although—perhans feeling that the shock induced by such charitable conduct on their part (obviously it would be more difficult for Miss Mendleson to start a new life with real hope of success if she was immediately the centre of sensation and gossip wherever she settled) might prove fatal to experienced Home Office spokesman felt obliged to deny that there had been any such generous and sensible action on the part of his department.

Of course, many people will feel anger at the news, particularly coming so soon after the trial of those responsible for the terrorist murders of Professor Hamilton-Fairley and Ross McWhirter and other vile crimes; but one of the functions of parole boards and Home Secretaries is to resist the impli- dom, and those responsible for cations of that anger even while

who has long been eligible for parole, might by now have received it if it were not for the immense clamour that her release would provoke. Parole is provided for those who have shown in prison that they have changed and that they are no longer a danger to society; public horror at their crimes should play no part in parole decisions, but I fear it does.

It is strange that, despite the unceasing flow of evidence that imprisonment is just about the most uneconomic and unsuc-cessful method of dealing with crime ever devised, we seem unable even to contemplate seeking alternatives. And when the Parole Board, itself representing only the feeblast attempt at mitigating the absurdity of imprisonment, deas the job it exists to do, it is criticized for doing it in the case of one who acted not from greed of gold but out of an idealism which, however hide-nusly warped, was nonetheless

There is a case for changing the law so that we do have different categories of crime, one of which would be in effect political. Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, who has some claim on the warld's attention when it comes to the status of political prisoners-and we should remember that the Soviet authorities, too, insisted throughout their perse-cution of him that he was an "ordinary" criminal—has been arguing this very thesis; he says that not until free countries distinguish between public and private crime, crimes against the state and against individuals, crimes done for azin and crimes done for a truistic causes, will any real progress be possible in affecting the use of criminal law against dissidents in unifee countries. We may reject the argument, or say that it is inapplicable here, though I for one begin to believe that we shall not destroy IRA terrorism until we make some attempt to see the terrorists as they see them-selves, (And, after all, if we did distinguish political crime from other crimes, it does not follow that it should be treated more leniently; we might even impose harsher penalties for it

But that is another consideration. The main point I wish to make is the limited one defending, in the present case, the Home Secretary's decision to accept the Parole Roard's recommendation, and that of the Parole Board in making it. He, they and I will be proved very seriously mistaken if Miss Mendleson is shortly found planting bombs again; but unless and until she is she is to he constrainted on her free-

rather than milder ones.)

Lord Chalfont

Sharing responsibility for w Mr Carter signs in Moscowich RMED

One of the best-loved new publications in limmy Carter's America is a pocket dictionary called Hore to Speak Southern. a book dedicated to all Yankees trem how to talk right". One of Soviet superiority in strateof its definitions is of the word perun, a writing instrument.
"Some rob you with a six-gun and some with a fountain Many Americans believe that they are in some danger of being robbed when the President talies his fountainpevun to Moscow and starts signing his autograph on pieces of paper thou mitally provided for him by Mr Brezhney.

Among the most vivid and articulate advocates of this point of view are two retired officers. Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, formerly Chief of the Nava Staff and General George Keegan, until recently head of Air Force Intelligence, Admiral Zumwalt occupies a penthouse suite with a view across the Potomic River to Watergate— "An ideal place", he says with disarming self-mockery, "for disarming self-mockery, for planning a march on Washington. He is especially concerned about the growth of the Soviet naty, and believes that the Russians have already achieved a degree of mastery in the Adaptic which rould series. the Atlantic which would seriously affect the ability of the United States to supply and re-inforce western Europe in time of war. General Keegan goes ferther—he believes that the Soviet Union is now superior to

the West in every aspect of the military balance. These are not wild men of the right or rabid cold warriors -they are careful thoughtful professional service men, with long experience of their trade. They are convinced that the Sovier Union is embarked upon the parsuit of world domination, for which a massive accumulation of armed strength is an essential instrument. Their views are often reflected in the Senate, notably by the Repub-lican Senator Eartlett and the Democratic Segator Nunn, who have expressed the view that Nato planners are now seriously overestimating the amount of warning they might expect be-fore a Soviet attack. The opposite school of thought is re-flected in the views of Senator rank Church and Congressman Les Aspin, who believe that the Soviet threat is being grossly exaggerated to preserve the vested interests of the military

Somewhere in between are to be heard the measured voices of such mandarin figures as General Alexander Haig, the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, General George Brown, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Starf, and Donald Rumsfeld. Defence Secretary in the last administration, and in the eyes of many screwd observers, a future Presidential can- that the United States and its didate. Their view is that to allies are already in grave deny the existence of the Soviet danger and that urgent threat would be myopic and measures are needed to match understanding it. (I have no courage and good sense.

doubt that Miss Myra Hindley, Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977 late it in urgent and dramatic missile for missile and ship for Times Newspaper

adds a refinement to the argu- Soviet Union fel in the hope that it will teach ment; he believes that the fears a powerful Unit gic nuclear weapons are based suggest that the upon a fallacy, and that they as troubled by distract attention from the very real threat which exists outside that is needed is the nuclear context. "The overture from the essence of the contemporary again there is a problem in the military field " he says, "is that the term 'supremacy', when casualties on both sides will be in the tens of millions, has practically no operational significance so long as we do what is necessary to maintain a balance."

> The men of the new Administration are, so far at any rate, keeping their heads below the paranet. Yet it is possible to predict with some degree of confidence the line which they will take Cyrus Vance at the State Department, Harold Warnke, the President's recent nomination as Head of Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Marshall Shulman, Vance's advisor on Soviet affairs, are all men of high calibre, all experienced in the field of national security and all convinced of the inherent dangers of the arms race. The only unknown factor in

The only unknown factor in the equation is President Carter's special assistant for national security affairs. Zbigniew Brazzinski, rather predictably referred to as "Carter's Kissinger", once had a reputation as a cold warrior, ready to confront the Soviet Union head-on. This is, however, too head-on. This is, however, too incide to be a useful descripdefies political classification, and whose brilliant, provoca-tive and polymathic intellect seems able to occupy simultaneously positions so far apart inat less supple minds would have to commute between them. In spite of the nuances of thetoric in the debate on foreign policy, it is possible to

scern a significant concensus. Everyone agrees that the mili-tary strength of the Soviet Union is increasing; there is general acceptance, too, of the thesis that the reason for the massive accretion of military power is not so much to achieve a war-winning capability as to acquire the power to impose the will of the Soviet Union in international affairs -the ability to pose a credible threat of overwhelming strength in the pursuit of political and diplomatic ends, to be so brut-

ally and evidently powerful that it will be possible to win without coing to war.

The main differences of opinion concern the reason for the build up, its rate of acceleration and the nature of the western response. Some believe

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them. President Cart tion of effort on arms assumes a treme the way will b really serious atta tral problem of arms race; if United States and be forced to the their security i risk; there will ible pressure to c defence and to arms race which conflagration. Command is plan

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determination with of success. In the n

Workers on the board: are we misreading the European experience country has the debate really mitted to securing the long-term national law into the new Euro-

One of the disturbing features of the majority Bullock Report of the majority Bullock Report yet started. In France, the harmonization of EEC company is the impression it gives that Sudreau Report, published two law, including co-determination. is the impression it gives that its proposals are in the mainstream of European thinking, and that they have a kind of "wave-of-the-future" inevitability about them, especially in the context of our membership of the European Community.

Sudreau Report, published two years ago, proposed a wide to first became interested in this subject at the end of the 1960s, when Jean-Jacques Servantion. A much more impressive and wide-ranging publication than Bullock, it attracted initially a broad measure of public take over the commanding the functional transfer of European industry argument carries much weight in Whitehall.

Since I was closely concerned with these matters until last year, as the European Commission's director-general for social affairs, it might be useful to set out the facts as far as the Continental position is con-

First, of the nine membercountries of the European Community, up to now only four have introduced legislation for co-determination (worker representatives on boards of directors). These are West Germany, Netherlands, Denmark and Luxembourg. Ireland is introducing it in the public sector, but not the private

In two other countries, Italy and Belgium, no legislation has been considered, and in neither

support. Much of that support has now ebbed away as the political situation in France has polarized, and it now looks as if the government will legislate only on comparatively peripheral aspects of the report, and

been introduced, it has been on the basis of the two-tier board and Sweden though in the latter case in a much more modest and

tentative form than Bullock proposes. Third what about the Euro-

take over the commanding heights of European industry unless the Europeans could themselves create multi-national companies of comparable size and strength, and for this to happen the legal obstacles to EEC cross-frontier mergers would have to be overcome.

not on the co-determination proposals.

Second. in those EEC countries where co-determination has Company, an optional structure which companies in the EEC could adopt in place of existing national company legislation which the majority (but not the minority) Bullock Report explicitly rejects. It is true that, outside the EEC worker-directors have been introduced onto executive boards in Norway and Sweden though in the letter than the l The German Government insisted that the European Com-

pany should contain provisions for co-determination not less ambitious than those in existing Third what about the European Commission itself? It is quite true that the Commission a mass exodus of large German has for some years been commanies out of German

pean option, thus evading the requirements of co-determination and embittering relations between the German Government and its unions.

So the draft European Company statute, which has still to be approved by the EEC Coun-cil of Ministers, provides for a two-tier board, and for onethird of the members of the supervisory board to be elec-ted from the shop floor (not necessarily through official trade union machinery, as Bullock specifies).

This is closely in line with the pre-1976 German model, except that the European Company statute requires that, of the other two thirds of the supervisory board, the share-holders should appoint one part and the other part should be jointly chosen by the shareholder and employee appointed directors. This is similar to the Dutch model, and the Bul-lock "2x plus y" formula is plainly modelled on it.

The European Company statute is still the Commission's preferred model for eventual EEC harmonized company law, though as it stands it is a purely optional arrangement for any

company which for various reasons wants to opt out of national company legislation. One of its two basic principles. the two-tier board, is adopted by the Bullock minority report but rejected by the

The second, the constitution of the supervisory board, goes farther in the direction of worker representation than the Bullock minority would wish, but not as far as the majority recommends. More far-reaching in its im-

plications than the European Company statute was the draft Fifth Directive on the harmonization of national EEC company law, prepared by the Commission in the carly 1970s. It soon became clear that there was no prospect of an early consensus on these proposals (which bore a close relationship to the European Company statute in content), given the diversity of views in the dif-ferent EEC countries, not only at governmental level but also among the main trade unions—
the Marxist union movements,
which dominate in France and
Italy, being inexorably opposed
to participation in the management of capitalist enterprises.

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The Commission thus found could be pulled together into a self in the embarrassing posiitself in the embarrassing posi-tion of being committed to a draft directive which is could not afford to renounce (the Germans being strongly attached to it), but which had no hope of being approved by the Council of Ministers for several years to come.

it accordingly produced a dis-cussion document. Employee Participation and Company Structure (the so-called Structure (the so-called "Gundelach Green Paper"), in which it restated and defended its two basic principles—the two-tier board, and a measure of worker participation in the supervisory board—and then suggested a number of ways in which the spirit of these principles could be imple-

mented. The effect was to import a much greater degree of flexibility and pragmatism into the debate than had been possible under the "single-model" work once the Council of Fifth Directive. What the Green sters had approved it. Paper did was to introduce a licence to experiment in different forms of co-determination, with the suggestion of rather lengthy transition periods before the various experiments

In this respect, of course, both the majority and minority Bullock reports can claim to substantially furth be in keeping with the spirit of the Gundelach Green Paper. What is not permissible is for either side to claim that it is the only true interpreter of the Word from Brussels. For the truth of the matter is that the Commission has been mainly concerned over the past few To try to break the deadlock, years with getting itself off the hook of the Fifth Directive.

while retaining the principle of eventual co-determination in its programme.
In fact, if the majority Bullock proposals were implemented, there would be a major long-term problem in reconciling the British unitary board structure with the Commission's favoured two-tier board. Probably there would be a substantial exodus of British firms into the European Company frame-

In any event, given the current state of the debate in France, Italy and Belgium, it will be several years before the Commission is likely to be in a position to put forward positive

work once the Council of Mini-

co-determination re other European de cluding the famou ners Sweden and candidate is Norwa tives both onto ti boards and onto 1 lished bodies whi None of this is t merits of the vari proposals. But thes not enhanced b claims to a kind of ' determination has in EEC agenda some Bullock has claimed firmly on the Brit too. The issue will 1

We have to come to or other, but we adopt an otherwise tory model because the European expense.

Michae

The Times Diary

How the young wrong-doers live

The casual reader happening upon The Delinquent Way of Life, a book to be published this week, could be forgiven for showing signs of alarm and despondency. Here, among nicely balanced academic arguments and calculations of statistical significance to two decimal places, are transcripts from taped interviews in which aggressive young men talk truculently about smashing bottles over people's heads or "giving them a right hiding" with the aid of knives, coshes,

The book is the third report of the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development, in which some 400 boys from a working class area of London were first studied at the age of eight, and then reinterviewed at intervals over the next 14 years. By the time they were 21, when the study ended, almost 30 per cent had a criminal record. of the Cambridge Study in

part of the delinquent activity the young men admitted to went underected, and far our-ran the number of orticially

recorded offences.

What did surprise them was to find that there really was a distinctive delinquent way of life. Against their expectations their survey endorsed, point by their survey endorsed, point by relatively trivial compared with the large amount of time and money spent in the official promoted to deal with it. drink more heavily, are more immoderate in their sexual habits, drive more recklessly, are often spendthrifts and are unlikely to hold down a job with prospects. They are also more likely to affect dress styles and ornaments, such as tattoos, associated with anti-

establishment anticudes. "We did not expect delinquents to be so significantly different in their habits from their unconvicted contemporate survey finds, recidivist the Canden Arts Centre in delinquency persists from generation to generation. But in of Watford, is said to think the present economic climate, the idea is great, and Sheils

discovery that conviction for an offence, far from being reme-dial, was likely to aggravate the offender's subsequent delinquency. By contrast youths who broke the law but got away with it were likely to behave better in future

"What is worst about that", says West, "is that we cannor tell exactly why it should happen. Punishment might be the Cambridge Institute of thought to make them bitter, finding that by far the greater selves they do not seem to thought to the boys them selves they do not seem to those they have suffered much. There is the idea that the stigma of a conviction leads to worse

> Delinquency is very often asso-ciated with a background of adverse social conditions. We

deal directly with the delin-quency itself."

The book concludes with recommendations for concentrating welfare assistance on the educationally retarded offspring of large, poor families in which,

West says ruefully, "one must be pessimistic about the chances of any social programme that is suggested being implemented."

Football crowd

Philip Core is sharing his Holland Park flat with the Queen's Park Rangers football team, soon to be joined by 11 Watford players, a streaker, two policemen, a referee and lines men, and our shoring men, and our shopping correspondent. Sheila Black. Core is an artist, and is working on an exhibition about a football match simulated with life-size figures cut from half-inch ply-

He works from photos matches and players, but is pleased with the likenesses he gets. The plywood Stan Bowles was taken on a tube train recently for publicity purposes, and was acclaimed by small

"I like to paint figures and people flying through the air", said Core, "but there does not seem to be much point in doing gods and angels now." His ambition eventually is to have each football stadium topped with a pantheon of the club's great

certificate...9

Black is to be featured because, perferved QPR fan that she is, she introduced Core to the

With love Meanwhile Goal, the present WILI IOVC exhibition, will be on show at the Camden Arts Centre in can have been as troublesome Campaign for Soviet Jewry were trying to send yesterday.

had three shopping trolleys loaded with missives signed by 100,000 women in-tended for Leonid Brezhnev. As the signatures had been col-lected in International lected in International Women's Year two years ago, and had vainly awaited Brezhnev's planned visit ever since, it was decided to unload them yesterday on the cultural attaché at the Soviet Embassy, A delegation of five, including Cleo Laine, Margaret Drabble and the young Labour MP Helene Hayman, was chosen for the job. In the con-

tusion of having their photographs taken with some 70 other women, sombrely dressed in black, who turned out in support, they set off up the embassy drive without their trolleys. Another group, including the

writer Elizabeth Jane Howard. had to get permission from the attendant police to push the trolleys in pursuit. Meanwhile from a deserted tailor's shop on the opposite side of the road, campaign supporters were try-ing unsuccessfully to telephone An hour later the delegation

returned, still carrying their petition forms in their push-carts. The Russians had been "very charming" (Cleo Laine) and "utterly reasonable" (Margaret Drabble) but had interest that they chard and interest they chard and interest that they chard and interest they chard and int

through to a woman waiting at Leningrad Post Office, who had first applied for an exit visa in 1971. The women took turns to give her messages of encourage-ment and support, for which she returned thanks. "The terrible thing is", said the cam-paign organizer, "we, spoke to her two years ago too, and nothing has changed. We can only keep plugging away at it ".

Gulf stream

Darlings, I have just met this divine Japanese designer who calls himself Yuki and does the most fabulous things with silk jersey and he has designed for the most absolutely fashionable people around like Margaret Thatcher and Mrs Michael Hesekine and Twiggy, and do you know darlings, he is just possible of the services of is just popping out to the Middle East today to do a show

for the Royal Family of Oman.
Well darlings, this lovely
little man simply took over this
Arab airline office in Piccadilly to tell us the super thing he was going to do, and he had half a dozen wispy young things modelling his creations, and my dear they are so gorgeous you would be absolutely green if you saw them.

But my darlings, so speer; these poor loves out there really will have to have a care sisted that they should not not to stand against the setting desert sun unless they want to be back hoovering the carpets and peeling the sheep's eyes.

Well you know me them all still going willing camels and these walking three paces to the eyelashes in I I met this simply div sador and he said i that at all except i the country districts. super frocks are so my dears, £200 to £4 know they have simple loot and dear Yuki

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ILL-INFORMED MYTH

Haines may or may not ect about his fellow ars" in Sir Harold kitchen Cabinet. But turns his attention to ius business of governis distinct from the s of backstairs politics, erly and risibly out of

urgitates the most facile about relations between ; and officials as though re some important new nto what he portentously Politics of Power, The he is merely treading arm foot-prints planted late Richard Crossman, ectly acted out his own preconceptions about II, adds neither authority inality to Mr Haines's

lea that officials dispose s power and conspire, together, to force the well-meaning but t ministers to pursue against their wishes and judgment is a false zation of a much more ited webb of less sensa-

governments have ly little power; and what ive is comprehensively through the machine so individual or set of als, not even the highest. luence events to any le degree. The life of an as of a minister, is ng series of desperate ats to escape from wellolerable choices between : the pressure of events, es, of Parliamentary and opinion close in about

dly, the almost obsesreoccupation of officials e "will of the minister" more of a danger that will be deficiently candid at it will be too inde-. Any minister who fails full and firm charge of artment and to build on d of goodwill, dedication ent that is available to s only himself to blame. es not hear any complaints ne Churchills, the Bevins Macleods about over-

officials although they

they strongly disagreed. They made up their own minds and knew how to deal with any bint

of disloyalty.

Thirdly, the basic source of perfectly legitimate conflict between ministers and officials lies in their different roles. Politicians are supposed to express the yearning of those who elect them. These yearnings commonly add up to physical, and indeed often logical, impossibilities. You cannot spend the national income twice over. You cannot pay everyone more than everyone

It is the duty of officials to draw these disagreeable facts to the attention of those politicians who come into office. The su-called power of officials is no greater, indeed too often much less, than the power of the facts of life. The cheaper kind of politician, like a child or antique potentate, often finds it con-venient to vent his frustration on the adviser who points to his nakedness; and the stupider commentator treats the politician's outbursts as insights.

Fourthly, some departments tend quite naturally and properly to have views on the main policy questions with which they deal, although in some notorious cases these have degenerated into crude lobbying on behalf of the particular interests, notably the aircraft industry and agriculture, which they regard as their clients. But the power of officials in such departments is no greater than their power to persuade a free and sovereign minister who does not even have to give reasons for overruling the advice he receives. Churchill was not tricked into returning to the gold standard in 1925. He was out-argued after very forceful exchanges with his

Fifthly, for Mr Haines to allege that the Treasury conspired in the summer of 1975 to force the Cabinet's hand over incomes policy, by allowing the pound's price to fall below the level at which middle eastern countries would start selling heavily, shows how little he knows of either history or the Treasury. For a start Sir Harold Wilson now goes round assuring anyone who will listen to him Il have received advice that he came back from Jamaica ime to time with which in January, 1975, with his plans

laid for imposing an incomes policy in the summer. The Chan-cellor's speeches, starting in Leeds in the same month, were preparing the same ground.

Moreover, when it was decided-by the Chancellor and the Prime Minister, not officials -to let the pound slide in the early summer of 1975, it was the trades union conferences, not the Cabinet, on which they were try-ing to put pressure. The suggestion that Treasury officials concealed from ministers the selling intentions of the middle by someone with no knowledge of the working make eastern states could only be made the working methods and ethic of the Treasury and by someone who does not even remember that the Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary, who presumably informed the Prime Minister, both knew from personal contact exactly what the Gulf States thought.

The constitutional position is both crystal clear and entirely sufficient. Officials propose. Ministers dispose. Officials execute. None of them have any power in the old-fashioned sense of arbitrary sway; and they seldom even have much influence on events. Officials are Ioyal to a fault, sometimes too timid in advising and occasionally incompetent in execution. Ministers are at the focus of all the incompatible demands of modern society upon itself. They are frequently over-optimistic and unrealistic; and they are sometimes weak in either brain or character.

There may be some merit in Mr Haines's unoriginal suggestion that ministers should be able to appoint more special advisers of their own choice. But the purpose of such a system, which is already developing quite fast, with some well-known disastrous misappointments, should be to ministers with their help political work, with their collective responsibility for the activities of their colleagues and to keep them in touch with their parties. It should not be, as Mr Haines suggests, to conduct an idiotic and unnecessary battle with the abler and loyaller servants already provided by the taxpaver. It is not, after all, Sir John Hunt, who is selling the reputation of his former chief.

MOPIA'S WARRING FACTIONS

w formally stepped into friendly to the regime. es of the three previous an heads of state-the General Andom and l Teferi Bante-whom he or caused to be exe-His only remaining rival, Colonel Atnafu who happened to be from the meeting of the

y council when the shoot-ok place on February 2, ceed to take over military ons in the field, leaving I Mariam to handle the ion, and the counter-revoin Addis Ababa. So many risons have been made in the Terror and the ian revolution, not least biopians, that it may be ng to reserve for him the Napoleon vis-à-vis Robesbut the prospect looks ul. Colonel Abate's camagainst the Eritreans has r shown little sign of

y genius. opia is ringed with hostile and inside it Colonel 's 27,000 troops face some guerrillas fighting for five secessionist causes, and is said to be a royalist force field. Morale is declining. have been desertions and iders in outlying towns and spoints. General Teferi before his removal was g for sacrifices and warning in the whole area of the of Africa and the Red Sea

Mengistu Haile-Mariam region, only South Yemen was arbiter in such a fractured and

Colonel Mariam has now announced that the army is to be enlarged, though he will find himself short of experienced senior officers after so many purges. He has also promised the latest weapons. Hitherto arms have come from the United States, which has been inclined to ration them as the secessionists capture them, the revolution grows bloodier and anti-American demonstrations more strident. It now seems that the Dergue has been trying to turn to the Russians for arms.

Colonel Mariam was believed to favour that course, which the reorganization of the government in December was perhaps designed by Teferi Bante to check. The two "moderate" officers who designed the new structure, Captains Wolde-Michael and Alemayehu, were slaughtered with Teferi Bante. But there seems little reason for the Russians to arm the Ethiopians on the scale that would enable them to defeat their enemies, even if it were possible, though they may play Colonel Mariam along to see if he can survive as the emergent dictator. They are committed to the Somali and have little incentive to offend the other left-wing contenders in the region. The Russians may also be glad to see American influence finally extinguished, but the role of sole factious region will tax even their ingenuity to play everyone against everyone else. The secessionist parties would raise an outcry if they came to the aid of "Amharic imperialism' Moreover the underground anti-Dergue, and anti-Mariam party Addis Ababa, the Revolutionary Peoples' Party, claims to be more purely Marxist-Leninist than anybody else, and has sworn to fight for twenty-five years to prevail. It looks, therefore, as if

Colonel Abate will do very well if he can hold his positions against the secessionists, particularly in Eritrea and on the borders of Somalia. He would certainly not do so if the Eritreans were as united as they are valiant. They have not found a political compromise and now openly fear a premature victory that would then be followed by war between themselves. The fighting and assassinations, the executions and deaths in prison continue, and there seems no end to it. Ethiopia however survives because the mass of the people are peasants who as far as possible ignore the rival armies and warlords, much as the peasants did in the China of the twenties, and they are helped. and so is Colonel Mariam's treasury, by a big expansion in the production of coffee at record world prices.

iet arms escalation Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP

tretford (Conservative) Your Moscow correspondent, dmund Stevens's last article ary 26) reeks of obsequious ary 26) reeks of obsequious hancy towards the Kremlin's escalation policies. Mr mey is described as "anxious sure world peace" and praised he "time and effort he pur first sponsoring and then ing to successful conclusion, "areas receiver conference." uropean security conference".
t imperialism and neo-coloniin places like Angola are disguised under the label Soviet support for anti-Amerie massive Soviet military builds excused on the grounds that ulin leaders have to reckon with ential threats on two fronts", fronts? Surely no rational on is suggesting that the wholly nsive Mato alliance outbared three to one in tanks, aft and manpower poses a reat " to the armed might of the er linion?

r Stevens gives us his assurance the "Russians are not planning plitz attack against Western ope". That of course, is nice that why then has Soviet istry been put on to what can had decalled as a way forcing be described as a war footing its current production of at t 3,000 tanks, 1,800 combat air-it and 250 nuclear missiles per r-out-producing Britain's entire entory every three months? Ir Stevens attaches no blame the men in the Kremlin for this matic arms escalation policy. reserves the full responsibility

for General Haig. Lord Chalfour and "other hard liners" whose warnings of the Soviet build up "far from slowing the arms race would fuel it the rival doorward others. literally echo and spur each other if by collusion, rowards on, as if collision".

collision".

It is as unwarranted to lay the blame for the Soviet build up on those who warn against it as it would have been to blame Churchill for Hitler's military build up in the 1930s which led to the outbreak

of war. Yours faithfully, WINSTON S. CHURCHILL, House of Commons.

Situation in Uruguay

From the Uruguayan Charge d'Affaires a.i.
Sir, Bearing in mind the principle A Appares a.t.

Sir, Bearing in mind the principle according to which The Times ensures the publication of reports and comments reflecting different opinions on a sure reports. opinions on a given subject, may I take the liberty of requesting you to publish an opinion quite in contrast with the appreciations on Uruguay of both your correspondent (?) Mr A. Tarnowski and the United States Senator Frank Church.

I am referring to the views on my country as expressed by Mr Laurence McDonald, United States Democratic Representative for Georgia, the summary of which I have the pleasure of hereby

quoting:
"When I return to the USA I shall present the Congress with several reports illustrating the fulsehood of the communist campaign concerning the existence of a police state in Uruguav as well as false allegations on human

The first hand information I have gathered as a result of comacts made with government leaders and high ranking officers of the armed forces as well as those established with representatives of other sectors, show that Uruguay is a country in full evolution, on its way to a future of great prosperity.

"This is due to the fact that Uruguay faced in a realistic and brave way the two great enemies of the Western world: terrorism, supported by international communism, and the economic crisis resulting from inflation. During all the meetings I had, and particularly in my talks with the President and the Commanders in Chief, we analysed the problems that Uruguay analysed the problems to at Orugusy had to face and which in many respects rhreaten the USA.

"Our two countries are united by cultural and political links as well as by those common interests which represent the basis for Western in the problem of the problem of the problem." civilization. Those values are under constant attack by communist forces seeking the destruction of demo-cracy. I feel my talks were useful because I was able to acquire a road knowledge of the situation in Uruguay. I have seen a country engaged in a process of transfor mation firmly set to preserve the

I would like to add that Rep Mr Laurence McDonald visited Uruguay in lare December. Yours sincerely, RAMIRO PIRIZ Charge d'Affaires a.L. Embassy of Uruguay, 48 Lennox Gardens, SW1.

values of Western civilization."

University

The fees barrier

to university

Sir. The University of York, like every other university, is currently thinking about its budget for 1977-78. As we do so, the full implications of the massive increases m fees announced by the Minister of Education late last year have

From the Vice-Chancellor of York

The new levels (£500 for home and £650 for oversezs undergraduates; £750 for home and £850 for oversezs postgraduates) represent leaps of from 56 per cent to 312 per cent above the current face. The strenger intraces is for to 312 per cent above the current fees. The steepest increase is for home undergraduates: but the great majority of these will now have their fees paid by their local authorities. Those who will suffer most are self-financed students from home or zbroad, of whom there are many who embarked on their studies one or two years ago. their studies one or two years ago, at much lower fee levels: in jus tice, they should not be penalized in mid-course and it is essential that the "hardship fund" should fill this gap.

The majority of our students, whose own fees are secure, are concerned for those others from nome or overseas who are qualihome or overseas who are qualified for higher study, but will be prevented from doing so by the burden of extra fees; and many members of staff, white recognizing the facts that the fall in the value of the pound will lessen the impact of the increase in some cases, and that some students from the righer committee. the richer communies can well afford these fees, share the con-cern that the new fees will effectively lessen the number of students from poorer countries and of home students who are trying to pay their own way.

This is a far cry indeed from the Robbins principle which prevailed only a dozen years ago, when this university was coming into being—the principle that higher education should be available to all who showed the desire to apply the mealest to it.

the desire to apply themselves to it. I believe that I speak for the majority of my colleagues, and for our students in deploring the merchandising of higher education and in urging the Government to think again: to abolish the differential for overseas students, and to lower the fees so that they do not present an almost impassable barrier for the less fortunate. Yours sincerely.

G. M. CARSTAIRS, Vice-Chancellor, University of York, Heslington, February 11.

Curbing the bombers From Mr Stanley Shorrock

Sir, With reference to a letter on February 8 by Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Styles, "Curbing the bombers", and the report by your parliamentary correspondent of Lord Harris's reply to Lord Brookeborough's Second Reading on February 9, I report this disturbing experience: My company required explosives and detonators to create a number of controlled explosions. We filled in the necessary forms and duly

acquired the materials. On usage we recorded with signature the movement of the detona-tors and explosives from our store to proving ground. We recorded by time/date/signature when the explosions occurred.

Thinking this would be regular practice, we mildly rebuked the issu ing authority for not instructing usto do this and were informed that there was no laid down obligation

for us to have to do so, Surely, in these troubled times, when the key component of a terrorist bomb is the detonator, much more care should be taken and losses discovered and reported more

exactly. Lord Harris's reply to Lord Brookeborough gives no encouragement to think that this is being Yours faithfully.

STANLEY SHORROCK. The Braids, Billinge End Road, Blackburn,

Rockall From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, Mr Prittie, who told us (February 11) that he hailed from Tipperary, will find that it is a long, long way from Rockall (farewell ledges bare). It is cartainly longer that he thought.

In declaring that the coast of the Irish Republic is nearer to Rockall than that of Great Britain, he ignored islands. In particular he overlooked St Kilda, a Scottish island which is also nearer to Rockall than Ulster; and the large, populated islands of Lewis and Harris.

International controversy con-tinues over the degree of sovereignty that can be exercised over uninhabited islands, at the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference and elsewhere. What must be made clear, in the context of this corres-pondence about landings on Rockall, is that the Bill which became the Island of Rockall Act, 1972, was Island of Rockall Act, 1972, was intended to remove any remaining doubts concerning the island's status as part of Scotland. That Bill, which was introduced by me as Secretary of State at the time, was based upon accepted principles. It was not an instrument for territorial aggrandisement or for avaricious designs upon suspected oil cious designs upon suspected oil wealth below the sea.

Wealth below the sea.

Until recently Rockall was for the birds. Today it has a role in the delineation of national and EEC zones. For the wast extension of fishery limits, together with the need to find and conserve stocks of fish in that area, and the possible presence of oil and gas in the convincental shelf are new factors. They rinental shelf are new factors. They require orderly regulation of activities in the surrounding sea by recognized authorities. Yours faithfully, CAMPBELL OF CROY.

House of Lords.

February 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The railways: high fares and services

From Mr H. C. Le Neve Foster Sir, I read with some interest the letter (February 10) from Sir Henry Johnson. I write with a plea for commuters; as Sir Henry has pointed out fares have increased by 70-80 per cent in about two years, and I believe we are to be faced with a further substantial increase with a further substantial integase later this year. I accept the fact that operating costs have increased substantially and that commuter travel is probably the least profitable part of railway operations due to the under utilization of stock in off peak periods. I doubt, however, even if Sir Henry's suggestions were put into effect whether sufficient profit could be generated in other spheres of the railway's activities to offset the loss involved in commuter ser-vices without some fare increases.

A great many commuters have now been locked into a position which few could have reasonably contemplated even two years ago when many of them bought houses in the outer suburbs and the home counties. These people are being driven in increasing numbers to seek other means of travel to and from their work places. Many now use cars, and a shared car is probably cheaper in direct costs than the use of public transport. As fares increase, this situation will get worse leading to greater congestion on

roads leading into and out of cities. I suggest that the time has come when, as I believe happens in Sweden, the cost of travel between residence and business should be an allowable deduction from income for income tax purposes. Such an allowance could be based on regular essential travel by public transport within certain limits. The result would be, amongst other things, less traffic on roads thereby a saving in fuel and a better public transport service in which a fare could be charged not only to reflect the true cost of the service but to enable

that service to be improved. It may be argued by the Inland Revenue that such a scheme is unworkable. True, it is a departure from accepted ideas in this country, but I feel sure that with all the ingenuity of which the Inland Revenue is capable, such a scheme is not beyond it to administer.

Perhaps I shall be accused of suggesting a subsidy for commuters out of money provided by the general taxpayer. Is it any more a subsidy than the writing off of losses in nationalized industries or the GLC subsidizing London Trans-

Yours faithfully, H. C. LE NEVE FOSTER, 19 Harley Street, W1.

From the chairman of the National Freight Corporation

Sir, I am sorry that my old friend Sir Henry Johnson, in the course of championing railway services in today's issue of *The Times* (February 10), should have recommended the return of Freightliners Ltd to the control of British Railways. As he will know, BR shares the ownership of the company and has an equal number of directors on board but management is in the hands of the National Freight Corporation, under whose aegis the business has flourished. It has taken us several years to

build up a proper marketing org-anization and to begin to tailor the services to the real demands of the market. The secret of success for a road/rail container business a small island like Britain is to develop the correct size and type of "catchment area" for the freight, and this is essentially a road freight sales and operating skill. (It is per-haps not realized that to service Freightliners' eight million miles of

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Freigntliners' eight million miles of rail trunk haul annually requires 24 million miles of road collection and delivery.)

The proof of NFC's technique with Freightliners lies in the 1976 results; by skilful management and aggressive marketing, and a dedicated response from staff, traffic volume increased by 14 per cent and revenue by 25 per cent, in a year when the freight market remained stagnant. Freightliners made a trading profit of around f1.3m in 1976 and carried the record number of 732,000 containers number of 732,000 containers— many of them for the deep sea operators who now form a significant part of the business.
It is perhaps not out of place to comment that when Freightliners

was inherited from BR it was carry-ing fewer than 300,000 containers and making a trading loss of some £3.5m per annum (at 1968 values). Containerization can play a major part in a just and sensible trans-port strategy. By retaining the management and control of Freight-liners within the multi-modal NFC. the relative advantages of road and rail can be assessed professionally, and emotional confrontations be-

tween road and rail avoided.

The future of Freightliners is in our view the "litmus test" of the Government's stated policy of giving public freight organizations a commercial remit. Yours sincerely,

DAN PETTIT, Chairman, National Freight Corporation. 215 Great Portland Street, W.1.

February 10.

From Mr E. C. Hallett

Sir, I feel I must add my voice to those who are protesting about the latest increase in rail fares. I travel to work each day from Bletchley to Westminster, and in February last year I bought an annual season ticket for £412. When I renew the ticket at the end of this month it will cost me £522.

Presumably, commuters are singled out for increases of this magnitude because they are regarded as a captive market, in other words, as the economists would say, their demand for rail travel is "inelactic." But, as any economist will point out (and no doubt there are even economists. doubt there are even economists working for the British Railways Board), demand is "inelastic" only in the short term. In the long term people (even commuters) will find alternatives to rail travel. They will get jobs nearer their homes, or they will move nearer to their

On Inter-City services, where the demand is more "elastic", the decline in patronage as a result successive fare increases is clearly apparent and, as an example of this, I have noticed that, on average, the Inter-City trains to and from Euston (the line which I use) are one coach shorter than a year ago. In the longer term a decline in the use of commuter services will also become apparent. This will lead to an increasing under-utilization of capa-city which, in turn, will undermine the case for further investment in and modernization of, the railways and will strengthen the hand of those seeking to justify a further contraction of the railway network. Yours faithfully,

E. C. HALLETT. 94 Tiffany Close, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire. February 10.

Daguerre's Diorama From Mr Peter Chamberlin

r, With reference to Mr David binson's fascinating article about the history of Daguerre's Diorama, which appeared in The Times Saturday Review dated February 5, I was struck by his observations that "mainly due to its continuous occupation, the archaeological significance of the building has even now never been properly studied. If it had been, it seems very unlikely that authority for its demoirtion would have been so easily obtained. As it is, it seems improbable that any intervention can now save it for preservation its property of the contraction o either as a unique monument . . . or as a Diorama (a serious proposal for the refurbishing and recreation of the exhibition has been con-

The development of photography, cinematography, television and now holography has been so rapid and so widespread in its influence that it would be most felicitous to estabit would be most telicitous to establish a museum devoted to Daguerre's early experiments in creating the illusion of realism in his pictures of places—aided by light, shade and colour—while he was concurrently searching for the right mixture of optics and chemistry to make and fir photography; in mass. make and fix photographic images. To create such a museum in the actual brikling which housed Daguerre's work during the three decades during which it was exposed to, and appreciated by, Londoners of the nineteenth-century could not be more appropriate (especially as nothing remains of

than the plaque which marks the site of the fire which destroyed it). Reconstruction of the development of the Diorama on the edge of Regent's Park could be expected to serve as a centre of attraction not only for those native to England but also to tourists from all parts of the world. After all, most of the latter sport round their necks highly sophisticated photographic appara-tus, all of which are derived from the early camera obscura which obsessed Daguerre and others for so many years. This may be regarded as no time

Daguerre's Diorama in Paris other

to think of how to drum up money, which is so scarce, in order to set up a new museum. However, a sense of history cannot be stifled just because times are bad; if no more can be done at present, it should at least be possible to plan such a worthwhile venture for realization later, when resources permit. Reconstruction of the original

Diorama in the building for which it was designed would also help to dispel the bewilderment which students of the history of photography are otherwise bound to feel. if the present plans go ahead; as they follow their pilgrim's way to the Diorama through the facade of Park Square East only to find them-selves in the Aga Khan's Mosque they could not be blamed for exclaiming "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas Daguerre!"

Yours faithfully, PETER CHAMBERLIN, 1 Lamont Road Passage. Kings Road, SW10.

Jerusalem eviction

From Mr David Krivine Sir, Dean Handford, of the Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem, concedes (January 28) that of the three Arab families evicted from the Jewish quarter of the Old City under the slum clearance scheme, one was indeed offered "free alternative accommodation". Ther was the family of Abdul Haq. Omar Arabi was initially offered "half the cost of accommodation" and only "10 days after the eviction was the offer changed to a flat tree of charge". The explanation is simple. A keymoney flat was found for him inside the Old City. Keymoney is half the Sir, Dean Handford, of the Anglican the Old City. Key-money is half the cost of purchase. He refused, so was given the choice of taking a flat in full ownership outside the walls

of the Old City.

The third family, that of the widow, has (it is said) "received no offer of compensation". Being particularly sensitive to Arab poli-tical pressures, she chooses to make berself scarce. But she is entitled to compensation under the law. When the dust settles, contact will

no doubt be made, There are pre-

cedents. Omar Arabi's previous residence was one room and no more (for 12 persons). The inner wall is completely damp; I felt it with my hand.

As to the allegation that the Jewish quarter is larger than it was in 1948, well, there were no fixed boundaries then. Today it is exactly 29 acres in size, less than 15 per cent of the Old City. Jews are not found in the Moslem, Christian or Armenian quarters, which between them are five times as large. Though the intention is to keer

new construction in the Jewish quarter for Jews, there is no law banning others from the area. As it happens, an Arab is currently suing in an Israeli court for the right to buy a Jewish-built flat in the quarter. He has a good Jewish advocate—and a good case in law,

Yours faithfully, DAVID KRIVINE, Economic Correspondent, The Jerusalem Post, 27a He Halutz Street, Jerusalem.

Towards a Cyprus

settlement From Mr Francis Noel-Baker

Sir, Friends of Cyprus will rejoice at the news that the President of the Republic, Archbishop Macarios, and the leader of the Turkish minority, Vice-President Denktash, have at last met in

Nicosia. As a participant in the original Macarios-Harding negotiations 20 years ago, and a frequent visitor to Cyprus since, may 1 be allowed a brief comment?

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The elements of a practicable (though by no means ideal) settlement are now clear: a geographical reduction of the Turkish occupies? area, and a bizonal federation with free movement between the zones.

Despite the loss of its richest territory, Greek Cyprus has flourished since the invasion. The "economic miracle" in the Republic is striking; as, alas, is the stagnation and collapse through-

out the Turkish occupied zone. The Turkish Cypriots (as opposed to the immigrants imported from Turkev in order to alter the population balance) deplore the partition and occupation of their island no less bitterly than their Greek com-

But the task of reunifying and demilitarizing the Republic must be approached with caution lest, once again, as in 1960, an unfair and unworkable system of government be imposed on Cyprus by outside powers, who ignore the facts of life on the island, and particularly the facts of the continuation of the con fundamental fact that the Turk's Cypriots are a minority of only 13 per cent (1974). They are entitled, of course, to proper protection, but must not have the right to block the wishes of the Greek majority and thus paralyse the effective gov-ernment of the Republic.

In some ways, the obysical sepa-ration of the Turkish community will make coexistence easier. But it will also mean that de facto partition continues, mitigated only (ore hopes) by open frontiers between the two virtually autonomous regions. The new central Governnent will have rather few, and at first rather shadowy, reserved

DOW,≥rs. One must hope that, with time, so fragile and artifical a federal structure will help to restore the happy relations between the two communities which was so notable a fear-e of Cyprus before outside forces set them against each other. Then, further progress towards real reunification might be possible. I am, Sir, your obedient

servant.
FRANCIS NOEL-BAKER,
Travellers' Club, February 14.

Biblical archaeology

From the Dean of Durham Sir, After watching the fourth programme of the BBC's expensive and much-publicized series EC: The Archaeology of the Eible Lands, I should be grateful for the opportunity of assuring your readers that a century of biblical scholarship has made a much more constructive contribution to our understanding of the Old Testament than Mr Magnus Magnusson's presentation has so far suggested.

The chosen method of re-telling an entirely uncritical Sunday School version of the "Bible story" and then alternately decorating and casting doubt upon it by means of film shot on (the supposed) location, with close-ups of miscellaneous excavated artifacts and stainedglass windows, is altogether too amateurish to ascribe to the scholars associated with the series. It is hardly surprising that the frag-mentary comments they are permitted appear so intrusive

negative.

There is value in reading the Authorized Version without the aid of biblical criticism and archaeology; there is greater value. I believe, in drawing on all the resources of biblical scholarship; but there is little to be gained from the kind of television journalism which limps indecisively between the two. Yours faithfully, E. W. HEATON.

The Deanery, Durham.

The Jubilee Hymn

From the Bishop of Wakefield Sir, The hymn for the Diamond Jubilee (Colonel Alan H. Maude's bubles (Colone) Alan H. Maude's letter: February 11) was written by William Walsham How the first Bishop of Wakefield, still remembered as the author of "For all the Saints". On Easter Eve 1897 Walsham How received a letter from the Prince of Wales (dated April 16) inviting him to write the Jubiles became to be sung on June 20 Jubilee hymn to be sung on June 20. The Bishop worked with consider-able industry over the busy Easter weekend, and sent his four-verse hymn to Sandringham. The postal services were no less energetic as How received a grateful acknowledgement from the Prince of Wales, sent on April 21. Nine days later Sir Arthur Sullivan sent Walsham How the music. Colonel Maude's recollection of

the words is remarkably accurate, though he has transposed the last two lines of the third verse to the first. The hymn begins: King of Kings, whose reign of old Hath been from everlasting; Before whose throne, their crowns

The white-robed saints are

While all the shining courts on high With angel songs are ringing, let thy children venture nigh. Their lowly homage bringing.

The hymn was well received, but not universally popular. Acknowledging the congratulations of a friend Walsham How wrote: Such nice letters as yours would make me very vain, I fear, if I had not had others telling me that my hymn was the veriest rubbish, not up to a fourth form boy. Then I have showers of abuse from Scotland for writing 'England's flag "instead of Britain's'. So you see good folk

Bishop's Lodge, Woodthorpe Lane,

Wakefield.



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 14: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon,
as President, this evening visited
the Dockland Settlements at the
Isle of Dogs and Rotherhithe.
The Hon Mrs Wills was in

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, will be present at the silver jubilee gala premiere of a new production of Massener's Werther, in aid of the English National Opera and Sadjer's Wells Benevolent Fund, to be held on March 16 at the London Coliseum.

A memorial service for Mr Justice Cobb, will be held in Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, February 26. at 11 am, and at Temple Church, London, on Tuesday, March 15, at 4.45 pm.

Eirthdays today

Sir Max Aitken, 67; Sir Harold Bealey, 68; Sir Stephen Brown, 71; Air Vice-Marshal Gerard Combe, 75; Sir Douglas Howard, 50; his Honour Christmas Humphreys, 76; the Earl of Mar and Kelle, 36; Sir George Taylor, 73; Processor Sir Harold Thompson, 69; the Right Rev R. W. Woods, 61; Colonel Sir Arthur Young, 71.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Queen, holds investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11; attends centenary dinner of London Aletal Exchange, Guildhall,

Princess Margaret visits Clifton High School for Girls, Bristol, 11.35.

11.35.
Lunchtime talk: Patriotism, by
Mr Julian Critchley, MP; St
Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Lawrence Jewry, Street, 1.15.

Lunch-hour dialogue, Mr Nicho-las Davennort with the Rev Joseph McCulloch. St Mary-le-Bow, Chespide, 1.05.

Lecture: Life in the Arctic, lec-ture hall, British Museum (Natural History), 3. Memorial service for the Earl of Avon, Westminster Abbey, noon.

Latest wills

Bequest to Cheshire Foundation Homes

Mr Frederick Barnett Davies, of Bournemouth, left 532,575 net. He left all his property to the Caeshire Foundation Homes. Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Joseph Loretz, of Ealing, left £26,955 net. After charitable and other bequests he left the remainder of his property to Quarr Abbey, Ryde. Mr Henry Thomas Bliss, of Pim-lico, London, left £119,288 net. After charitable and other bequests he left the residue equally between the National Trust and the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. work, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sout wark £7,481 Morris-Thomas, Mrs Eva Rosalie ⊇iawen, of Maerdy, Mid Glamo £301.322

Royal Schools of Music scholarships

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music has elected the following cardidates to six of its overseas scholarships, each of which provides free tuition and a sum of £500 a year towards. maintenance for three years' study maintenance for three years' study in London:

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E. Balansaye, Care Town, at RCM with planoforte as principal study.

Child health research appeal

A donation has been received from the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh towards the Elm appeal recently launched by the Institute of Child Health. The institute is the Medical School of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, which celebrated its 125th anniversary on Fabrurat 14 anniversary on February 14. The appeal is for funds to support research into child health with special emphasis on the preventive aspects.

Memorial service

Dr A. Darke Or H. Darke
A memorial service for Dr Harold
Darke was beld yesterday at St
Michael's, Cornhill, Canon Norman
Morley officiated, The Bishop of
London read the lesson and Mr
David Willcocks (Director, Royal
College of Music, also representing
the Bach Choir) gave an address.
Mr George Thalben-Ball played the
organ before and after the service. organ before and after the service.
The choir was directed by Mr
Richard Popplewell and accompanied by Mr John Birch.

25 years ago From The Times of Thursday, February 14, 1952

Gas turbine research

From Our Aeronautical

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whinle, ploneer of the jet engine for air-craft, told your correspondent last right that he is so dissatisfied with the lines along which gas turbines are being developed in this country that he is giving serious consideration to proposals he has received that he should continue his research overseas. Such proposals have been made by several countries including Australia and the United States. He has recently been invited to visit the United States, to discuss a proposition but he is deferring a decisition but he is deterring a decision until he knows whether the
position offered would give him
the opportunity to follow the line
of development which he regards
as necessary. Sir Frank Whittle
has loog held the view that the has long held the view that the jet engine employing the centrifugal compressor is being neglected in Britain in favour of the axial flow engine, and he regards this as a mistaken policy. This is a matter on which expert opinion is divided but it is no secret that most of the turbo-jet engines being developed in this country for civil and military use are of the axial flow type.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. N. Ashton Hill ≉nd Miss E. R. Stevenson The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Norman Ashton Hill, of Old Manor House, Lenton, Nottingham, and Mrs Lesley Sanderson, of Manor House, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, and Flivabach danghter of the Leston, Sanderson, on Lestey Sanderson, on House, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of the Right Hon Sir Melford and Lady Stevenson, of Truncheons, Winchelsea, Sussex.

Mr J. R. Bath and Miss A. S. Howard Smith The engagement is announced between John Roche, only son of Mr and Mrs A. A. Bath, of Brusseis and Kew Gardens, Surrey, and Amanda Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Howard Smith, of Reigate, Surrey.

Major V. P. W. Harmsworth and Miss A. Melikolf

The engagement is announced between Major Vyvyan Harmsworth, Welsh Guards, and Alexandra, eldest daughter of Princess Juliet Melikoff, of 51 Cadogan Place, London Start

Mr S. G. Molesworth-St Anbyn and Miss A. J. Walker and Miss A. J. Walker
The engagement is announced between Simon Guy, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. K. MolesworthSt Aubyn, of Braughing, Hertfordshire, and Amanda Juliet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. B. Walker, of Knutsford, Cheshire.

Luncheon

Pilgrims of Great Eritain The American Ambassador, Mrs The American Ambassador, Mrs Anne Armstrong, was entertained at a larewell luncheon yesterday at the Saroy Hotel by the president, vice-presidents, chairman and members of the executive committee of the Pilgrims. Lord Harlech was in the chair. Those present were:

It John Armstrong: the Earl of Cromer, the lishing of Rocketer, Lord Astor of Hever, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Cactta, Lord Gure-Booth, Sir Archibald Forber, Sir Jasper Hollom, Sir Panrick Dean, Sir Denis Hamilton, Sir Panrick Dean, Sir Denis Hamilton, Sir Hesph Wontner, Licutemant-Colonel S. W. Chant-Senolli, Mr Ronald Orlerson, Mr John Corbett, Mr P. J. Sigmon, Mr Michael Pistor, Mr Edgar Bowring, Mr William Rees-Mogd, Mr Ronald Spiers, Mr Malcolm Lyell and Sir William Channing.

Reception

British Council Or P. A. I. Tahourdin, assistant Director General, British Council, was host at a reception held yes-terday at 10 Spring Gardens to meet members of a Franco-British medical delegation.

Dinners

PRIME MINISTER
The Prime Minister and Mrs
Callaghan were hosts at a dinner
held at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening in honour of Dr Mario
Soares, Prime Minister of Portugal. The other guests were:
Dr Medeltos Ferroirs, the Portuguese
Ambassador and Sephora Armando
Sartins Freiro, Dr Raguel Ferreiro,
Dr Alexandro, Dra Raguel Ferreiro,
Dr Alexandro, Lencaster da Vetro,
Senhora Nunes Barala, Senhora and
Senhora José Cutilisiro, Senhor Rui

University news **Cambridge**

Mr J. C. Dancy. MA (Oxon), Principal of St Luke's College. Exeter, has been appointed to a chair of education in 1978, when the college will merge with the university.

that tastes bitter to some people

but sweet to others has come to

light by chance at an American

dinner party. The substance has

not been identified, but is a com-

ponent of the berry of the Chinese laurel tree. Interestingly, those few who find the berries bitter

and MIS A. E. MCLIHUM The marriage took place quietly in London on February 12 between Mr John Tatham, of 70 rue Edouard Norder 92200 NeullySUT-Seine, France, and Mrs Anne McCallum (nee Henry), of South Kensington.

Lieutenant-Commander R. J. Parkes, RN, and Miss L. S. E. Burton

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The engagement is announced
between Roger, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs L A. Parkes, of Hamilton
Road, High Wycombe, and
Osmington Mills, Weymouth, and
Lyn Burton, of Clifton Hill,
London, NW8, youngest daughter
of the late Mr R. T. Burton and
Mrs S. Burton, of Salisbury, Connecticut, United States.

Mr P. J. B. Rooney and Miss F. H. Kenderdine The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Mr and Mrs O. B. Rooney, of The Moat House, Little Layer, Essex, and

House, Little Laver, Essex, and Fenella, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. Kenderdine, of Millfield, Burwash, Sussex.

and Mrs K. M. Mayo
The marriage took place on Friday, February 11, in London between Dr Nicholas John Brodie
Page, younger son of Mr and Mrs
John Page, of Spring Hill, Helsby,
Cheshire, and Mrs Kathleen Mary
Mayo, daughter of the late Mr
Charles Etchingham and of Mrs
Lilian Etchingham, of Saltney,
Chester.

Mr J. B. Tatham and Mrs A. E. McCallum

Marriages Dr N. J. B. Page and Mrs K. M. Mayo

United Wards' Club of the City of London
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress accompanied by the
Sheriffs and Mrs A. Colin Cole.
attended the centenary dinner of
the United Wards' Club of the City
of London at the Mansion House
last night. The president, Mr C.
Anthony Hart, presided. Among
those present were:
Lord and Lady Lloyd of Kligerran. Sir
Edward and Lady Howard, Sir Hush
and Lady Wommer. Sir Limel and Lady
Deany. and members of the governing body and their leddes.

Anglo-American Sporting Club
The Anglo-American Sporting Club
staged a boxing dinner
evening yesterday at the Hilton
hotel to commemorate the centenary Test match between England
and Australia. Rear-Admiral Sir
Anthony Miers, VC, patron of the
club, was in the chair.

The club also held a boxing
dinner evening yesterday at the
Hotel Piccadilly, Manchester, in
honour of Mr Eddie Paynter. Mr
Faroukh Engineer was in the
chair.

Dr. M. W. Jones-Lee, BEng (Sheff), DPhil (York), has been appointed to the second chair of appointed to the second chair of economics from August 1.
P. J. Hills, BSc (Lond), MSc (Birm), has been appointed to the chair of transport engineering and as director of the Transport Operations Research Group.
Conferment of titles
Visiting professor, faculty of applied Science: Dr M. Faktor, Telecommunications Headquarters, London: Dr I. D. Nussey, IBM. UK: Dr I Evans, National Coal Board.

Science report

Taste: The unpredictable berry

finding it either sweet, sour, salty

A rare example of a substance that it tasted bitter, the others

First edition of first complete English Bible is sold for £30,000 By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent Sale Room Correspondent
A first edition of the first complete English Bible, translated by Miles Coverdale and published in 1535, was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £30,000 (estimate £12,000 to £16,000) to an anonymous Continental bidder. All known copies of the printing, which bears a dedication to Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, are imperfect. This copy lacks nine leaves of text and two blanks (our of 570). However, it has the original title page with decorative woodcut borders, which is a rarity.

is a rarity.

It was one of those happy stories of a book brought in to Sotheby's counter by a private owner who wondered whether it was worth anything. The Bible appears to have descended in the Haden family. of Haden Hill. Rowley Regis, West Midlands; the flyleaves contain genealogical notes on the family dating from the seventeenth century up to about

mined, as it is well known to be

1800. The sixteenth-century signature of one Thomas Haden appears in the Book of Esdras.

The first 117 lots of the sale were devoted to a single family collection, mainly of travel books and literature, in attractive bindings of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries; the collection sold well above expectations. W. Delisle's Allas Navus, published in Amsterdam about 1745, was sold for £4,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000). Ten volumes of engraved views of The Netherlands, containing 840 views, published between riews of the Netherlands, containing 840 views, published between 1745 and 1774 and uniformly bound in contemporary half calf, were sold for 52,600 (estimate £300 to £1,200). The sale totalled £56,323, with less than 1 per cent unsold

A tapestry of a mother and child from a drawing by Henry Moore. It

At Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Friday a sale of primitive art realized £175,404, with 25 of 207 lots unsold. The star piece was an eighteenth-century Benin bronze bead of a queen mother, 17;

inches high, which was sold for \$50,000 (estimate \$30,000 to \$50,000), or £34,884.

The head was once part of the Benin collection of General Pitt-Rivers, the father of British archaeology. It was apparently on loan to the Pretoria Art Museum from 1957 to 1973, but was sold on Friday as the property of Mary McFadden, of New York. The other important item in of Mary McFadden, of New York. The other important item in the sale was a western Polynesian carved wood female figure, collected in the second decade of the nineteenth century, which was sold for \$14,000 testimate \$20,000 to \$30,0001, or \$5,140.

A: Christie's yesterday a sale of Continental portery made \$42,382, with 3 per cent unsold. German faience was bid far beyond the expectations of the auctioneers; a pair of Stockelsdorf potpourri vases with pierced, domed covers and a decoration of landscapes. and a decoration of landscapes.

Health Services Correspondent The Government will be asked to establish without delay joint committee to look after children's interests when the Court report on child health

services is debated in the House of Lords tomorrow.

The request will come from Lord Lovell-Davis, whose wife was a member of the commission. It found in a three-year inquiry that there are many deficiencies in the health care of the nation's children.

tions were to be carried out and not gather dust on a govern-ment department shelf. Lady Loveil-Davis said yes-

terday that it was paramount that there should be a body to identify and express the special needs of children in

the Order of the British Empire

and the Honourable Tuita, the

Tongan King's knighthood made a Knight Commander of

Nuku'alofa, Tonga, Feb 14.— The Queen bestowed one of Britain's high honours today on Tonga's ruler, King Tanfa'ahan Tonga's ruler, King Tanfa'ahan Deputy Prime Minister, was Tupon IV, who is one of the created a commander of the

world's heaviest heads of state. order. The 20-stone king was made a Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George, a rank limited to 100 holders, at a ceremony in Tonga's royal palace when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived on their inhiles tour of the Pacific their jubilee tour of the Pacific.

Crown Prince Tuipelehake, the island's Prime Minister, was

Thousands of schoolchildren and local people greeted the Queen and the Duke as they stepped ashore from the royal yacht Britannia and drove the short distance to the palace. The Queen spent more than 30 minutes at the white, wooden palace before emerging with the King for photographs

10 candidates for by-election in City of London

There were 10 candidates for the by-election in the City of London and Westminster, South constituency when nominations closed yesterday.

The seat became vacant when Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Conservative, was appointed an EEC

The 10 are: Peter Leonard Brooke, Conservative; William George Boaks, Air Road Public Safety; Dennis William Delder-field, New Britain; Ralph Oakden Herbert, Christ, Crown Country, Commonwealth, Christian Consti-tution; Paul Terence Kavanagh, National Front; Michael Lobb, National Party; Peter Charles Mitchell, Campaign for Homo-sexual Civil Rights; Malcolm Murray Noble. Labour; Angus Muir Scrimgeour. Liberal; William Frederick Thompson, Christian Outreach to Britain,

Polling is on February 24. General election: C. S. Tugendhat (C), 14,350; P. J. Turner (Lab), 8,589; T. G. Underwood (L), 4,122; Dr D. Baxter (Nat Front), 686; Conservative majority, 5,761.

Oxford mission inaugurated

Anti-Pornography.

Cardinal Suenens, Primate of Belgium, inaugurated the first joint Auglican-Roman Catholic mission to Oxford University yes-terday (our Religious Affairs Correspondent writes). He is to spend the week in Oxford lecturing during the evenings, and meeting students and staff during the day.

OBITUARY

MR EBENEZER CUNNINGI -

Mr Ebenezer Cunningham, Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, has died at the age of 95. He was a pioneer in this country of the mathematical theory of relativity. His book of 1914, The Principle of Relativity, was the first in English to summarize those researches of Larmor, Lorentz and Einstein which constituted what became known as the Special Theory of Relativity, as contrasted with Einstein's later General Theory. It had a considerable influence in causing the College and after ment he was something the college, and after ment he was something the college, and after ment he was something the college and after ment he was something the college. General Theory. It had a considerable influence in causing the theory to become accepted and better known in this

It gave due prominence to ningham devoted the origins of the special theory in connexion with Maxwell's theory of electromagnetism, but it also did justice to the brilliance of Einstein's investigations of 1905, which gave a simple direct derivation of the lorent formulae connecting Lorentz formulae connecting descriptions of events by observers in uniform relative motion, and destroyed the old Kantian belief in the objec-tivity of simultaneity. In the same book Cunningham intro-duced his readers to the fourdimensional calculus of Min-kowski, which led to the notion

of space-time.

Ebenezer Cunningham was born in London on May 7, 1881, and was educated at Owen's School, Islington, whence he won an open mathematical scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge. He was Senior Wrancier in 1902, and was placed in the second division of the first class in Part II of the Mathematical Tripos in 1903. In 1904 he was Smith's was commissioned by the artist and his daughter, Mary Moore, and Prizeman, and was elected into a Fellowship. After three years woven in three months by Eva-Louise Svensson and Dilys Stinson, of West Dean College, Chichester.

the College, and after ment he was persuade on the office of Juni-for two of the diffiwar years. A keenly religious r

amount of energy to t of Emmanuel Cong Church, of which he office-bearer. He was of the Congregational England and Wales fo The Boer War, which with his undergrade determined once for el tude towards war; houncompromising pacific such, his position do First World War made popular in many qua his moderating influe like-minded but has men was highly benef he became greatly atti the Oxford Group m though never by its ex ces. Music played a g in his life, and on at occasion he electrif humanized a somewha gathering at his house a comic song.

cerity and great kindli served his college and

SIR JOHN GILMOUR

Sir John Gilmour, Bt, who died on February 13 at the age of 77, was for some years senior parmer of Joseph Sebag & Co, share brokers, and as such be was involved in many of the big decisions in the exciting period 1950-64. His advice was much sought he could sum up. much sought: he could sum up John Little Gilmon; the essentials of a matter in a of Sir Robert Gilmon few words and give the answer in even fewer. His direct atti-tude to a problem was backed by hard work. Before he went to a meeting he liked to feel he knew the meat of the matter before the dish was served. In this task he was assisted enor-mously by his ability to read the most complicated docu-ments, to put his finger on-the essentials and pick out the flaws in any argument in a short space of time. At a meeting people came to him, he did not seem to go to them and in his very solidity they found

strength.
While he respected City customs he was not averse to challenging even his friends if he felt that those traditions were imperilled as in the case of the celebrated battle of the con-

1899, educated at Ea RMC Sandhurst and s the Grenadier Guards 3 middle 1920s when he the City as a stockbro rejoined his regiment Second World War and with the rank of lie

colonel.

He married first in

Hon Victoria Cadoga
youngest daughter of
Chelsea; this marriage solved by divorce in he married secondly Lady Mary Cecilia Hamilton, eldest daught third Duke of Aberc formerly wife of Captai Kenyon-Slaney. There v and a daughter of the f riage and a son of the The heir is Mr Ian

MISS RABIA QARI

Miss Rabia Qari, who died in Lahore towards the end of January at the age of 60, was not only a leading lawyer but group of both lay and professional people who could speak was more well known and resfor children" as a necessity if for her relentless pected the commission's recommendastruggle for civil rights and her role in recovery of women and tion. She was founder girls abducted during the com- of the Pakistan Legal munal rioting in 1947 when the which offers profession: Indian subcontinent got its independence.

Born in a middle-class family, Miss Qari broke out from the traditional obscurentism of the Muslim families and, discarding death, Miss Qari had be the veil (purdah), she came to London to become a barrister-at-law in 1953. Her attainment on her battle in law co might have gone unnoticed in many parts of the western came in conflict with au world, but in a country where Some three years ago 5: generally literacy percentage is under 20 and among the women still lower, Miss Qari's zest to lead an independent life based

Mr Ronald Hamilton Eliot Thomas, OBE, died on February 4 at the age of 80. He was the founder of the firm of Milner, Thomas & Co Ltd, coal distri-butors, and a former member of the National Coal Board. He was chairman of the Opencast Executive, 1957-60.

sitions was extraordina Miss Qari became to woman advocate register the Lahore High Court twice elected president country's biggest bar vices to needy person of the World Organiza

on her own educations

Women Lawyers.

For several years beat death, Miss Qari had b well as in the streets wh Some three years ago 5 : reported to have been in a clash with the po Lahore while leading rights rally.

Rear-Admiral Alan Laybourne, CB, CBE, wi on February 6 at the age: was a Deputy Lieutena Durham and for many Clerk to the Dean and C of Durham. He was a go and almoner of Christ's

To White Child & Beney Shareholders:

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The Directors of White Child & Beney have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and the opinions expressed here are fair and accurate. They jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

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few who find the berries bitter are, without exception, among the minority of people who do not detect a bitter taste to phenylthlocarbamide (PTC), the classic example of a chemical with an unpredictable taste. The discovery was made in the course of the consumption of a pie filled with Chinese laurel (Anthidesma bunius) berries. Six people found the pie delicious, but two complained that it was bitter and inedible, it was decided to make a scientific meal out of that morsel of information by that morsel of information by testing the response of 170 volun-teers to one drop of an extract of the berries placed on their tongues. Only 25 people reported Government 'not

legal-aid jobs' Social Services Correspondent

to cut

The Government has decided against a proposal to save 500 jobs by transferring legal-aid assessments from social security staff to solicitors, the Society of Civil and Public Servants said last night. But the Department of Health and Social Security said no firm decision had been taken. no firm decision had been taken.

The proposal is one of a number designed to meet the department's target of saving five thousand jobs by 1978-79 because of the Government's decision to cut Civit Service staff. Other proposals include reducing the number of officials available m wietr bencioners receiving

the number of officials available to visit pensioners receiving supplementary benefit, and to cut the numbers on supplementary benefit work by merging the agerelated chidren's allowances.

The society is resisting the proposals on the grounds that they would be disruptive and harmful to both staff and claimants. It believes that the legal aid work cuts were firm until late on Friday night, when the department changed its mind. As a result the society cancelled a press conference planned for yesterday which was to explain how the cuts would hif people dependent on social security.

Mr Christopher Basterling, assistant secretary to the society.

assistant secretary to the society, commented yesterday: "We welcome the department's conversion to good sense on this issue. The department is at last having the courage to realize the damage that the sense of th

courage to realize the damage that cuts would do. We hope it will also reconsider other equally ill indeed proposals."

The society said the department had abandoned the proposal on legal aid work because it was unlikely to save much money when the solicitors who took it over would have to be paid. The society had always pointed out that it would be an unreal saving.

Mr Easterling added: "It would also have meant transfer-A. Priday, C. Rodrigue, J. Flint and I. Rose, to survive a first-round defeat and reach the semi-final, where they have drawn J. Lavis's team.

Provost Cup: quarter-final; R. A. Priday beat D. M. Graham 74 33; R. O'Reilly beat P. E. Morrey Br-48; T. Lavis beat P. E. Morrey Br-48; T. Sandy unbotten team, ciprained by G. Sroskal, roceives a Bry min Desembly and the semi-final, where they play R. O'Reilly. Punchbowl: 1. M. E. Duis, R. J. Balland, A. M. G. Thomason, J. R. Beathon, C. Bishop, P. H. Collins, S. Z. P. J. Franklin, R. J. Baker, G. J. Watson, S. W. Herbert, 21. Hamilton Glub finalists: 1. T. J. Barrett, N. H. Efflort, C. D. Gronin, H. Norman, 180°, 2. W. J. Penchart, S. Trock, R. Barryet, J. Sharper, J. Callson, R. S. Larden, Dr. A. P. Sourier, 182. S. C. Callson, R. S. Larden, P. J. Balley, 109°s. would also have meant transfer-ring a public service to people who are not publicly accountable, which makes little sense except to Friedmanite prejudices against the public sector."

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biter.

Dr R. I. Henkin of Georgetown University Medical Centre,
Washington. DC, and Dr W. T.
Gillis of Hope College, Michigan,
included some family studies in

included some family studies in their survey to determine the degree of genetic control over the taste response of Antidesma berries. The data were inconclusive, but the discovery of a grandfather, father and son all of whom found the berries bitter in contrast to the grandmother, mother, daughter and another son, makes it clear that the taste response can be genetically deter-

From Our Correspondent

up other cooperatives.

operatives.

Five workers' cooperatives

employing between 60 and 100

part of its profits to help to set

The cooperatives, a Fife Region experiment to relieve unemployment, will operate under a board of directors,

known as Fife Enterprises,

which will have 15 members, including eight from the co-

British team in

bridge contest

The popularity of the Woolwich

Equitable Foursomes, organized by the English Bridge Union at East-

bourne last weekend, is such that

entries for it had to be closed a

week after opening last September

(our Bridge Correspondent writes).

permitted the British team of R.

A. Priday, C. Rodrigue, J. Flint

The double elimination format

semi-final of

The 115 who found it bitter did not include any of those who

in the case of PTC.
PTC is not a naturally occurring chemical, but Chinese laurel berries are widely used in South-The same 170 people were after tested for their response to PTC. East Asia, although uncommonly eaten in the United States. They are particularly used in jams, jellies, syrups and sauces. Do a minority of consumers suffer the bitterness they taste in silente, or do they refuse to eat food containing the bitter berry? Are there other undiscovered there other undiscovered examples of taste divergence, and to what extent do they account for our food preferences and for the "fussy" eater? Dr Henkin and Dr Gillis can do no more than speculate on the consequences of their culinary serendipity.

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Fife region will experiment

with cooperative scheme Agency has agreed to give initial help with business skills and loan capital. Mr John Morrison, Fife's

careers officer, who developed the plan, said he had been able to assure the Scottish TUC yesterday that the cooperatives would be run on union lines, and that the unions could oper-ate within them. "Those working in the cooperatives will not earn less than the rate for the job in that particular area", Mr Morrison said.

They are to employ a fairly

Councillor Robert Gough, high proportion of physically vice-convener of Fife Region, handicapped people. Mr Gough said yesterday that the first said: "Cooperatives are intercooperatives would be in toy ested in more than profitability making and timber products. they consider social aspects."

> Oil sales fund to rehabilitate islands 'is vital' From Our Correspondent Kirkwail

It was vital to build up a reserve

fund out of the proceeds of North

Sea oil to rehabitate the islands, Mr Grimond, MP for Orkney and Shetland, said yesterday. Accompanied by a deputation from Shetland, the MP has had consultations with ministers in London to explain the islanders'

London to explain the islanders' misgivings regarding devolution.

Mr Grimond said yesterday:

"Our amendments to the devolution Bill are intended to ensure that the Shetland and Orkney Acis of 1974 (controlling oil and other industrial developments) are protected, the Government's rate-support grants to the isles are not reduced because of oil payments, the prime importance of native industries such as egriculture and fashing is recognized and that the local authorities of Orkney and Shetland each retain their present single all-purpose status."

Group to keep watch on children's rights urged By John Roper The report saw the need for a "small, powerful national

THE TIMES

BUSINESS NEWS

For Saving Investing and House-Purchase

Blanket mill

restart with

clean sheet

Uncertainty continues over the future of the Moderna blan-ker factory at Mytholmroyd,

West Yorkshire, where some 332 employees are facing redundancy after a recent takeover.

Mr David Bowe, appointed managing director of the plant with the new control of the plant.

by the new owners, Sona Consultants, has given the Department of Industry an undertaking that by the end of this month he will present firm proposals for the future of the plant

It seems that the company's plans envisage a reduced work-force of 100 to 150 people. The

plan is to make everybody re-

dundant now and start recruit-

Up to 1974 Moderna (Witney)

had a distinguished and profitable history for 60 years. Then

it switched to acrylic raw materials for its blankets and

In late 1974 Bond Worth. Holdings, in which Courtaulds had a 30 per cent stake, came...

to the rescue with an unexpec-

ted agreed bid. By Jenuary 1975, Moderna was in the hands of Bond Worth despite a short-

lived counter bid from a com-pany called Mountain Securi-

A deal with Manta SA of Bel-

gium, Europe's largest blanket producers, to buy 100 per cent

Moderna and give Cond Worth

a minority holding in Manta fell

through. Last November the

company was bought by Sona Consultants. In December the

closure and redundancies were

Mr Bowe explains : " The pre-

sent mill is operating equip-ment which is in many cases

inadequate, inefficient and in some cases: dangerous.

"It is in buildings which

are certainly not up to require-ments of modern industrial

working because they are so

old. There is on the site a build-ing (used for warehousing and

packing) which lends itself to a single floor operation and gives us adequate space to put

in a manufacturing unit we

"We will be using that equip-

ment which still has a signifi-

cant working life when it is re-conditioned and fitted with the

spares and attachments to im-

On redundancies and reem-

ployment, Mr Bowe said: "Everybody is going to be

treated the same. There is to

be no preference and no prom-

ises made to any particular in-dividual. Jobs as and when

they arise, will be advertised and everybody in the area will be free to apply." There was

to be a break in the manufac-turing process. He said: "You

can't carry on manufacturing when you have to move equip-

ment, recondition it, and install

what is new at the same time."

do not yet have our final pro-posals. There are commercial

reasons for not revealing every-

thing at present. But the end product is known—blankets and

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men are idle at Longbridge (Birmingham), where Mini car production is stopped. At Solihull the Rover 3500 range is out of production and 1,085 men have been sent home. At Cowley (Oxford) both the Maxi and Dringers lines are attached. Princess lines are at a standstill because of shortages of press-ings normally made at Castle

The trouble at Cowley, where 3,500 workers are idle, and more are facing the prospect of lay-offs, is aggravated by a further internal dispute which has stopped Marina car production. This strike involved 150 maintenance engineers who are also objecting to proposed changes in working arrange-

Within the Cowley complex 650 more workers are laid off from the central spares department because of a stoppage

Leyland's third big trouble centre is the Triumph plant at Canley (Coventry) where the 350 strikers from the paint shop voted yesterday to con-tinue their two-week-old stoppage which has halted output of Dolomite, Stag, Spitfire and

Triumph 2000 cars. The strikers are objecting to the management's use of indus-trial engineers on work study exercises in their departmenta move that is also linked to reorganization plans. The shutdown at Coventry has meant the lay-off of another 400 men at the Dolomite body plant at

Liverpool and a further 220 at the Spitfire body plant at Bordesley Green, Birmingham. Triumph (Coventry) has a huge stockpile of completed vehicles which built up during a two-week stoppage by delivery drivers which immedi tely preceded the paint shop strike. Although the drivers are

back at work, they have refused to cross picket lines set up by the Triumph strikers. Bus output hit: Five hundred workers at the company's bus

and truck division at Leyland were laid off yesterday because of a week-long strike by 17 crane drivers. The drivers, who move heavy

vehicle frames in the final assembly factory want upgrad-ing in the company's pay struc-ture. More lay-offs resulting ry Jaguar produc-pped with 1,950 from the dispute are expected off. Another 2,700 later this week.

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

s volume fell mar- [anuary, according		Sales by volume 1971 = 100	credit extended £m
al figures released the Department of e seasonally adjus- ras 108, down 0.3 al December figure.	1972 1973 1974 1975	105.8 110.7 109.9	2,497 2,871 2,517
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worth last year, when stood at 110.2.	p provisional		

notice of 1p increase on a loaf

By Patricia Tisdall

A new round of price increase applications made by bakers, partly to cover the cost of discounting, has been submitted to the Price Commission.

The three big bakers, RHM, Spillers and Associated British Foods, said yesterday that they were waiting only for the 28-day statutory notification period to elapse in early March before putting up prices. The increases applied for

would take the maximum price of a standard loaf of bread up by 1p to 22p in most areas. Yet further increases of 1p could result shortly if the Government follows its declared inten-tion of removing the present subsidy of about 1p a loaf this spring.
This will be the second rise

in bread prices since early January. The bakers point out, however, that the earlier increase was delayed for over a month by the intervention by Mr Hattersley, the Secretary of Stota for Prices and Consumer State for Prices and Consumer

Behind the latest spate of applications lies the abolition of controls on the discounts which bakers can offer retailers. It was the greater freedom to discount introduced by Mr Hattersley with effect from January 4 which led to the sixweek dispute by bread delivery

Other factors are an increase in raw material costs, notably flour and fuel. According to a list issued yesterday, the Price Commission rejected only five price

increase notifications submitted Airlix Plastics, which put in two of the rejected notifications, says that refusal was on the grounds that it had put in incomplete information. The company had been seeking an increase of 17.10 per cent on

the price of plastic housewares and 9.55 per cent on toy products. The other companies whose applications were rejected were Bevaloid, who wanted to add 21.20 per cent to the price of its textile sizes and defoaming agents, Burgess Industrial Silencing, maker of acoustical products, and Declon Foam

Plastics, maker of domestic and

industrial sponges.
All five of the applications rejected outright by the Price Commission have been submitted by smaller concerns within the commission's Category II classification. For manufacturing concerns this means they have a turnover of

Iragi crude oil selling at 30-cent discount By Roger Vielvoye Energy Correspondent

Crude oil from Iraq, one of the 11 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries which increased prices by 10 per cent from January 1, is now being sold at a discount. In 1975 Iraq cut its prices to avoid a loss of production dur-ing the slump in demand for crude. According to Petroleum Intelligence Weekly Iraq crude is again appearing at discounts is again appearing at discounts of 30 to 35 cents on the official selling price. The latest price cuts have not been directly tied to the Iraq National Oil Company, though it may have knowledge of them.

A number of Iraq's major customers have accepted the full \$1.19 rise but others including Petrobras, the Brazilian state oil

Petrobras, the Brazilian state oil company, and a group of Japanese buyers have rejected

At Opec's headquarters in Vienna economic experts began a meeting at which the problems of the two-tiered pricing system are expected to be discussed. A spokesman said the principal business would be efforts to align cost differentials between the varying types of crude. Opec sources said, however, the ex-perts could not avoid discussing he split on pricing. Pricing uncertainties, page 19

The Times index: 154.87-5.17 The FT index: 366.3-15.2

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Guinness wins White Child battle

Top Swan Hunter man

may join state team

By Ray Maughan
One of the longest and most acrimonious takeover battles formally ended yesterday when Arthur Guinness, the brewer, announced that it had won control of 52.22 per cent of the capital of White Child & Beney, the plastics and containers group. Nevetherless, the defenders

Nevetheriess, the defenders promise a vigorous sniping campaign. From his hospital bed in West London, where he is suffering from an ulcer, Mr Richard Beney, WCB's chairman, pledged that "Guinness will never get full control at the existing cash offer price of 650."

Worst day

in 3 months

Ordinary shares had their worst day for more than three months on the stock market in

London yesterday as pay policy and sterling worries were com-

pounded by a gloomy set of trade figures. Gilts also suf-

fered with losses of up to £2. The FT index was 15.2 lower

at 366.3 by the close of trad-

ing and, according to Data-Stream, £1,723m was wiped off the market's capitalization. Of

this almost £600m can be attri-buted to the helty mark-down of prices which followed the

In the gilt-edged market long

dates were the worst hit and early selling lowered most

stocks by up to 1} points. They

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were then marked down a fur-

ther £1 on the trade news and,

in spite of a late rally, were still £2 lower on balance. "Shorts" also made a late recovery but still lost more than £1.

In the equity market, dealers said there was a little buying interest late in the day at the lower levels. But it was mostly "bear" closing and many of the "blue chips" still had double-figure losses.

A feature of the last week

last 10 days.

Opinions differ on how far
the index will fall in its present
"technical correction" but
most expect resistance to appear
between 340 and 350.

Another set of depressing re-

tail figures, running counter to

the encouraging new year re-ports, seem likely to put stores

shares under particular pres-sure in the short run. Having

run ahead of the market the leaders, too, look vulnerable.

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 14
The United States Federal
Reserve Board is determined
gradually to reduce the growth

of money and credit levels and

repeatedly stress that efforts to stimulate the economy must concentrate on fiscal policy.

The Fed is also deeply concerned that there should be greater official institutional efforts to ensure the adequacy of international financial

These points are made force-

fully by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its annual

report published today. They are points that fully reflect the Fed system's views and they signal both the Fed's desire to

hold to its present moderate money supply expansion course and its support for the strengthening of such institu-tions as the International Mone-

tary Fund.

The Carter Administration has indicated that it hopes the Fed will act in such a manner as to prevent significant interest

From John Earle Rome, Feb 14 Two Milan stockbrokers, Ettore Funagalli and Isidoro

Albertini, are among 11 names submitted to the Government by

the Communist Party as technically competent, non-political candidates for senior banking

Chairmanships and other top

appointments are up for renewal in more than 50 banks and savings banks, including the Rome Savings Bank, the Turin Savings Bank and Banco di

Sicilia, where the terms of the

chairman and board expired

The Communist Party is wag-

seven years ago.

tial cornerstone of a credible to ensure anto-inflationary strategy is a investment.

Communist bank posts list

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General.

covery here moves forward. This would probably force the Fed to ease its money policies somewhat, but today's report notes that "one essential."

as way to US recovery

last 10 days.

poor trade figures.

FT ORDINARY

SHARE

for shares

By David Mott

He personally holds around
4 per cent of the WCB equity,
and claims that he can get
power of attorney for a further 10 per cent. His defences
are based on three precepts:
that "they've obtained less
than a tenth of the free,
shares"; the offer is "ludicrously low"; and he strongly
objects to the fact that "the
number one company in the
trade has been taken over by
the number two". the number two ".

His views have been consisiary, Guinness Plastics Group, first bid for WCB in 1974. That attempt failed through

By Peter Hill

Industrial Correspondent

builders, is expected to be

appointed shortly as a part-time

member of the organizing com-

mittee for British Shipbuilders,

the Government's planned new

state shipbuilding organization.
Swan Hunter is the largest
single shipbuilder on the Goverument's nationalization list,

employing about 22,000 workers

throughout the group. It has been less than enthusiastic about the Government's plans

particular, the formula devized

The expected appointment of

Mr McIver is seen as a further move by the Government to

strengthen the organizing com-

mittee team which has suffered disruption with the departure of

Mr J. Graham Day, chief executive designate of the pro-

posed state body, and, more recently, the resignation of three key members of the com-

Knitting machine

occupy factory

for compensation.

mittee's staff.

workers

nationalization and, in

Guinness was left nursing 43 per cent of WCB's capital. Then, late last year, the National Enterprise Board offered a £1.1m cash injection in return for an equity holding in WCB which would have diluted Guinness's interest to 35 per cent. That prospect prompted

Guinness to re-launch its bid for WCB. Apart from the shares it bought in 1974, Guinness's offer on this occasion tent since tehe brewer's subsid- was taken up by shareholders holding no more than 5.74 per cent of the WCB equity. The only institutional holder of only WCB shares, Eagle Star,

turned down Guinness's terms, just as it did in 1974, although it now intends to sell out. Faced with being a minority, many other WCB shareholders

many other WCB shareholders will now presumably sell out to Guinness, but Mr Beney is determined to fight on. He claims that over £6m of WCB's business competes directly with GPG and that there is still a chance that the deal will be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Commission.

Mr Peter Guinness, Guin-

ness's joint deputy managing director, intends to visit Mr Beney in hospital today in an attempt to heal the breach.



He is known to have impressed Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry. Mr McIver is among those within the industry who have expressed support for Mr Michael Casey, the civil servant in charge of the Government's shipbuilding policy division at the Industry

bridge the gap between now and the hoped-for nationalization of

Mr Tom McIver, managing the industry for his qualities as director of Swan Hunter Ship- a professional shipbuilder, was not available for comment yesterday, but there is wide speculation that he will take up the post. He had previously indicated that if nationalization went ahead, he would stay with the company and play a leading role in negotiations with the Government over compensation

> the state already owns, wholly or partly. These include Sunder-land Shipbuilders, Cammell Laird and Govan Shipbuilders. Swan Hunter is at present inpolicy division at the industry
> Department who has been basis with Sunderland supappointed managing director of the state shipbuilding holding orders worth £200m for 19 cargo company.
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> Ships being placed by Nigeria with the two companies. A team both companies and led by Mr Casey returned last week the industry by bringing to- from talks with Nigerian offi-gether those companies which cials in Lagos.

Chancellor confident trade unions will accept new deal dent of the EEC's Council of

Seven hundred workers at

a Leicester knitting-machine Brussels, Feb 14 manufacturers took over the Mr Healey today voiced his premises yesterday and started a sit-in.

The workers at the Wildt Mellor Bromley works in Aylestone Road were protesting over a decision by the company to close the factory making nearly. double-figure losses.

A feature of the last week has been the growing sensitivity to outside influences and many now see the market as passing through one of its "political" phases. This, combined with widespread profit taking, has brought the heavy losses of the last 10 days. 400 redundant. For some weeks talks have

management and the four unions involved, but they broke down last week when it was revealed that much of the work was being transferred to the company's other factory in Surrey. As work started yesterday the

doors and gates were locked and barricaded and the work

force gave overwhelming sup-port for the sit in.

Mr Alf Wilson, chairman of the shop stewards, said: "We have got to put up some fight.

We are prepared to dig our heels in and occupy the factory Financial Editor, page 19 for weeks if need be." Fed stresses fiscal policy

commitment to bring down gradually the growth of money and credit levels compatible with long-run price stability".

The Fed goes on to point out that this objective means that

there are definite limits to the extent that money policy can

be used as a short-run economic stimulant, and thus the search

for additional economic incen-tives now "must focus more directly on fiscal policy".

It is most clear that the Fed

is still deeply concerned about United States inflation, despite

the substantial reduction in the

rate made in the past year. It

admits that the great amount of slack still evident in the economy should permit some further cut in the inflation rate

in 1977, but it adds that at the end of 1976 no one "could be assured this would in fact take place".

of this sluggishness could lead to new capacity shortages in critical areas well before an acceptable unemployment rate

has again been achieved. The Fed calls for greater concern by the authorities for the pro-

vision of adequate incentives

to ensure increased capital

ing a campaign against the practice which the Christian

Democrats have imposed on their coalition allies in past years of sharing out senior

banking posts among political appointees. In an unexpected move at the weekend, the Com-munists submitted to Signor

Gaetano Stammati, the Treasury

Minister, a list of 11 non-Communist candidates

Besides the stockbrokers, the list included Enzoni Storoni,

deputy chairman of the state

corporation, IRI; Antonino Occhium, till recently with the Bank of Italy; and Vincenzo

Moreover, the Fed states that it is worried about the sluggish pace of capital investment, and the fact that the continuation From David Cross

confidence that the Government would reach a new pay agreement with the trade

the pay policy, there had been a "barrage of very construc-tive speeches" from other trade unionists during the

Mr Healey said it was clear that a satisfactory agreement on pay was a condition of the Government being able to cut Phase Three of the pay policy would precede or follow the

The Chancellor was speaking to reporters after a brief session of finance ministers of the Nice, which he chaired for the first time as acting presi-

Ministers.

Most of the two and-a-halfhour meeting was devoted to the drafting of a work pro-gramme for finance ministers during the next four and a half months, when the British

unions in due course.

"I have no doubt", the will be in the chair.

Chancellor told reporters, "that we will make progress and reach an agreement".

After last week's "negative" with his colleagues from the contributions from trade union leaders on the next round of leaders on the next round of international discovery round reach an agreement reach agreement reach an agreement reach an agreement reach agreement sive round of international dis-cussions which would be taking place".

These included the EEC

summit meeting in Rome in March, meetings of the Inter-national Monetary Fund in Washington in late April, the Western economic summit set taxes in the spring. But he for May in London, and a new refused to spell out whether round of so-called tripartite employment discussions be-tween EEC employers, trade unions and ministers in June. The aim of the Europeans would be to remedy a "very would be to remedy a "very much gloomier" international economic climate than a few

Ronald Kershaw

quilts."

Extract from Accounts at 31st December, 1976.

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Issued Capital	10,800	10,800	
Retained Profits	2,462	1,506	
Subordinated Loans	5,872	4,941	
Deposits	352,480	273,825	
Loans	216,665	169,599	
Total Assets	379,319	296,810	
Profits before Taxation	2,988	1,825	
after Taxation	1,388	849	

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Jeddah, Feb 14.—Several foreign companies have been blacklisted by Saudi Arabia for submitting inflated bids on government tenders, the English-language Arab News

reported yesterday.

The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs has cancelled all bids submitted for sewage and flood control projects in eastern Saudi Arabia because the bids of a number of qualified international companies were in some cases triple the ministry's own estimate".

The blacklisted companies which were not identified, will be banned from bidding on future government contracts. It is alleged that a Swedish and a Japanese company were among them. The government has set up a committee to investigate the relationship between foreign contractors and local agents.

Motor trade turnover 21pc up in 1976

Total turnover of Britain's motor traders last year was 21 vious year, according to latest figures from the Department of

Industry.

The sales value of new vehicles in 1976 was up 30 per cent on 1975 and 24 per cent in the case of used vehicles. Other sales and receipts, which includes petrol, oil, tyres, spares and accessories and receipts from servicing and rewere up 15 per cent in

Appeal by builders

The construction industry is in "the most severe and pro-longed recession", the National Federation of Building Trades Employers said yesterday. Much of this is due to the December mini-Budget and cuts in publicsector building programmes and the employers urged Mr Healey to reverse "the concentration of cuts on capital programmes."

German strike figures

The number of days lost by strike action in West Germany jumped last year to 533,700, from only 68,700 the year before. The sharp rise was mainly due to a national strike in the printing industry. Around 169,000 workers struck during the year for four days each on average, against 35,800 workers and an average of two days only in 1975.

Brokers query Drax

There is no economic justifi-cation for the advanced ordering of the second stage of the Drax coal fired power station in Yorkshire at a cost of £500m, according to a report from W. Greenwell & Co, the London brokers. In terms of employment, however, it might be politically desirable, says the

Mr Dell assures industrialists of 'open mind' on Bullock proposals

Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, went out of his way yesterday to emphasize that the Government was keeping an open mind on the best way to introduce industrial democracy. Speaking at an Industrial Society conference in London, Mr Dell repeatedly stressed the need for the agreement of all parties before any system was

brought in. This will provide some re-assurance to the Confederation of British Industry leaders who are to see Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, today. The CBI representatives will tell Mr Callaghan that they have three sticking points from which they will not be budged.

They are totally opposed to

the imposition by law of unionnominated directors on to company boards; they oppose parity of representation for union-nominated and shareholder-elected directors; and they will not agree to unions having a monopoly in the

choice of worker-directors.

It has already been conveyed to the Government that these sticking points were phrased with precision by the CBI, which leaves ministers with the prob-

Mr Dell, in an attempt to sig-nal to the CBI that the Gov-ernment did not intend to be dogmatic in its discussions with employers, said yesterday that he placed great emphasis on the need for a lasting settle-

"There has been too much legislative yo-yo in recent years and I do not want legislation on industrial democracy to be in-troduced in the kind of atmosphere of dissension and bitterness which, for example, has surrounded previous legislative proposals on industrial relations questions.

Mr Dell said the CBI had pressed for the maximum degree of flexibility. It was a tradition of company law in this country that it should allow considerable freedom to companies to devise whatever organizational structure best suited their needs.

"The Government believes that employees must be given a statutory right to represen-tation on the boards of the companies and to some extent the statute must prescribe how this is to be done,

lem of finding out exactly what kind of compromise might be a framework which permits acceptable.

Mr Dell in an attempt to significant within each company to reach within each company to reach the company the company to reach the company thas the company the company the company the company the company th agreement on solutions best suited to its particular circum-

stances. Turning to the mechanics of appointing worker-directors, Mr Dell showed considerable sympathy to the notion that unions should have a central role, but he emphasized that the whole issue was one of "great and legitimate concern". It needed

discussion and thought. "Above all", he said, "we must ensure that the system we adopt has the confidence of all those closely involved, if for no other reason than that, otherwise there would be a clear danger of the trigger mechanism never functioning".

One of the central issues, Mr Dell said, was the extent to which employee representatives could or should have equal representation on boards with shareholders.

It seems to be important in whatever comes out of the consultations on this point that employees should have an effective and satisfying role in the decision making and future development of the enterprises in which they work."

Logica moves in Europe and US

Logica, the London software consultancy, has opened an office in New York from which to marekt its banking and communications-based services to American clients.

American chems.
Together with its French
associate SESA, Logica has
also been successful in a major
European project—leading a six-company consortium which will implement Euronet, a data for the EEC. A proposal based on the British Steel network was rejected for this.

initiative The American illustrates an alternative approach to the idea of collaborative United Kingdom software marketing now being promoted by the National Enteerprise Board through its Insac Data Systems subsidiary.

Logica has not formally rejected the board's advances,

The reason officially given but remains unenthusiastic at

European contract, to be worth nearly Thee believed 13m French francs (about £1.5m), follows negotiations with the telecommunications administrations of the nine EEC countries, including the British Post Office.

Threee multinational consortia submitted proposals for Euronet. One, which included Plessey, was rejected and the final choice was then between the other two, led by SESA/ Logica and Datel/Leasco respectively.
The proposed Datel/Leasco.

Computer news

network was based on an adaptation of the British Steel network, using Ferranti proces-sors. That of SESA/Logica is based on an adaptation of the Transpac network, based on SEMS and TRT-Philips hardware, now being developed to form the French national pub-

lic data network.

Though different in concept, both proposals "were equally suited to meeting the requirements for a private date network capable of enhance-ment into a public network," the Post Office states. "They

The reason officially given for the SESA Logica choice is that "this was a network being developed specifically for a public data service". Initially Euronet will be a private system (giving research centres, public hodies and other organically and other organical public bodies and other organi-zations in the nine countries access to scientific and technical detabases) but eventually it may become a public

network.
SESA'Logica will provide
hardware and software for four computer-controlled packet-switching exchanges—in London, Frankfurt, Paris and Rome—and for smaller access units in Amsterdam, Brussels,

openhagen, Dublin and Lux-

New consultancy

A new London-based computer coosultancy has been set up by Dr David Butle and Mr George Cox, formerly with the Diebold organization. The broad aim will be to offer consultancy in the converging areas of data processing, tele-communications and office automation for both manufacturers and users.

Mr Butler, formerly director of the Diebold European rea-seach programme, will be seach programme, will be chairman of Burler Cox & Partners. Mr Cox, formerly United Kingdom managing director for Diebold, is managing ing director of the new ocm-

Word system

Among recent developments in the fast-moving field of word processing, Wordplex has announced a single-station unit to complement its shared-logic multiple-station systems.
consists of an "intelligent"

display screen, dual flexible-disc memory and high-speed character printer. Purchase price is £8,500. Communications software includes the ability to transfer files foom magnetic card (as used on some typewriter-based systems) to Workplex flexible disc.

Kenneth Owen

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DoI relief interest rate down ½pc

interest relief grant and interest rates for loans under section 7 of the Industry Act 1972 were reduced yesterday The Department of Industry

said that the rate of interest relief grant available in those cases where it would be appropriate to allow the equivalent of an interest-free period on a Department of Industry loanbut where companies obtained their finance from other sources -was being reduced from 15.5 per cent to 15 per cent for

each interest-free year.

The "concessionary" rate of interest on loans for employment-creating projects was re-duced from 12.5 per cent to 12 per cent, while the broadly commercial rate of interest on loans for modernization pro jects not providing additional 15.5 per cent to 15 per cent.

TERMS OF TRADE The following are the unit value index numbers for visible trade not seasonally adjusted issued by the Department of Trade

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UK TRADE

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1976 p	24,424	28.055	-3.631
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02 r	5.995	6.932	-937
Q3 r		7.336	-1.153
О4 г	6,832	7.819	-987
1976			
April	1,932	2.224	-292
May	2,018	2,369	-351
June	2,070	2,395	-325
July	1,959	2.474	-515
August r	2,078	2.354	-27S
Sept r	2.144	2.512	-368
Oct r	2.228	2,553	-325
Nov r	2,243	2,690	-47
Decr	2.361	2.576	-215
1977			
Jan p	2.396	2.941	-545
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Gas, electricity and true conservation Plea to collection training collection of training c

tion (February 11) that gas is "overwheimingly more efficient than electricity" was answered before it was printed, by both Mr Goddard (February 7) and Dr McMullan (February 8). However, he uses this discredited argument in what should be separate issue, namely that of conservation. But conserving what? Surely Dr McMullan's point is the essential one; given the immense instrinsic value of gas as chemical feed-stocks, pro-tein sources, etc. the real waste is in burning this in domestic boilers, rather than relatively useless materials in power stations.

The important conservation needs for the long-term benefit of the world are not to be measured in theoretical relative thermal efficiencies, but in the overall values of the materials used. Even Mr Beun has now stated that the only power in-dustry with a long-term future is electricity, because it can be generated from so many dif-ferent sources. We should face that fact now and work towards it raiser than running down our electrical construction industry for the sake of these, acknowledged short-term, but illusory

But is the Gas Corporation interested in conservation? Their chairman in his New Year letter to employees, exhorts them to greater marketing efforts to set rid of the extra gas that will, for a short period, the available; why not make it

The consumer an Estate of the Realm

From Mr H. G. Button Sir, Tucked away on page 19 of the paper of February 10

was a brief report of the impending closure of a 300-yearold company, James Gibbons Limited, of Wolverhamoton, Am I alone in feeling sad at the thought that a company that nad survived Napoleon, the Kaiser and Hitler (to name but three, should be brought low by some of its own countrymen?

Thomas Giobons had established the business about 1670. The company was not, unfortunately, eligible for membership of the Tercentenarians' Club as the Gibbons family was in control for only 296 years. The business was taken over in 1966 by Radiation Limited. Yours faithfully. HENRY G BUTTON

(Honorary Secretary, The Tercentenarians' Club), 7 Amburst Court. Grange Road, Cambridge CB3 9BH.

the Norwegian company Norsk Hydro, will benefit from 1977 for some 15 years by some £8 £10 per annum per head of 13 million British housewives (£10m to £13m pa) for that one company's share of the Frigg gas that it is selling to British Gas. Most of the Frigg field, where 40 per cent of gas will be coming from, is Norwegian owned; what will the effect of buying this be on our balance of payments? What are we paying to the other operators and the Norwegian Government for their gas? And the supplies in British" areas; these are not

owned by British Gas but are bought from American and other foreign oil companies. What happens when they send their profits home? remember the serious halance of payments (and consequential runs on sterling) caused by im-porting capital equipment for the North Sea. This equipment could have

been produced here and have provided employment if there was not some curious desire to exploit and consume, not conserve. a valuable material as quickly as possible. Let's have the full details of exactly how these figures are arrived at; there might be another gas Yours faithfully,

A. E. SCRIVEN. Kennington, London, SE11.

Looking for Briggs and Thurburn

From Mr E. Macro Sir, During the early period of Muhamad Ali's viceroyalty in Egypt circa 1830-40, Samuel Briggs (who had been in Alexandria since 1803) and Richard Thurburn were partners in a cotton broking firm in Alexandria.
Thurburn also bought out

J. R. Hill & Co., whose business was to transport passengers from Alexandria to Suez before the Egyptian State Railway was

I believe that there was also a banking house owned by Briggs in Alexandria or Cairo. Briggs was one-time British Consular Agent and later Consul in Alexandria. I am researching the busi-

ness activities of Briggs and Thurburn and wonder if any of your City readers might be able to put me in touch with sources of information either on their lives or their business activities.

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eering are conti such time that the consider that the Council have pro appropriate for (university degree Yours faithfully, H. CHEETHAM, Principal, Walsall College of

February 7.

An export achievement

It also shows ligures for other companies with interesting export records.

BAC (British Aircraft Corporation), for example, stands only ninety-second Times 1,000 and is jointly "GEC" (General Electric Company) and Vickers (unless and Company) and Vickers (ambout it is until nationalization, that is) but it is until nationalization, that is) still the largest British manufacturer to export more than a third of the goods it sells.

In fact, in 1975 BAC exported not just more than a third of its output, it exported 65% of its output

The report also showed BAC as exporting the

highest percentage of its turnover of all the EEC companies examined. BAC's next nearest listed rival was a German steel-engineering company at 50%,

Preliminary figures show that, in 1976, BAC, despite some heavy home market deliveries, still exported over half of its total turnover - for the fourth consecutive year.

Of BAC's current record order book, the export content is 70% - and is still rising.



BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

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ility to deliver incomes policy y market 10 3 pm yester-that kind of at could have indeed overseas traders are flat brings the subsequent that came in the rest of the market since last October's resurgence and indeed overseas traders are around a tenth off their 1975 That brings the 30-share index,

o 40 points in ading days. -edged market, ader of equities Stockbrokers Phillips and Draw see little early reversal of this trend. They expect export margins, which probably reached a record level in the last quarter of 1976, to come ng for breath back under the under increasing pressure as sterling recovers and United Kingdom inflation rates to con-tinue to run ahead of those of it should have r surprise. The r all, rallied by per cent in the our main trading partners. ionths.

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Rank Org. Source: Phillips & Drew. lling, however, ns for inflation Those companies with a high percentage of exports, such as BSR (85 per cent of profits from exports), Distillers (70 per cent) and Rothmans (45 per cent), will find it increasingly difficult to chase both volume .lf remain such rally in gilts s have bad a mild up their would almost the benefit of and margins over the next year. h to drive the Phillips and Drew also esti-mate that the 20 per cent fall in sterling in 1976 accounted for around a quarter of the 40 per ne kind of a Street, which dily down this wing inflation cent jump in industrial profits and as the accompanying table shows many of our leading comin the United panies obtained a much higher proportion of their earnings ars to be tight, ntals there are from overseas subsidiaries and iuse any undue

a stable trend in sterling will eliminate much of this source estic market if of profits growth.

The third area P & D high-lights as vulnerable to any ere is more of fit taking yet nere are signs recovery in sterling is the reitions are startstatement of assets and liabili-ties of overseas subsidiaries at gilts. Neveryear end exchange rates and ill certainly be though exchange gains are not usually taken above the line coming weeks ostires for the one in five companies do include part of this above the line—ICI in particular and chances of a market back any stabilization in sterling will

accordingly cut profits here. Yet for all that any recovery in sterling will work to the very considerable advantage of those groups who have been to adopt the United States accounting standard FASB 8, notably Rank and Shell, and the [22] in sterling last year has had a serious

impact on stated profits.

However true P & D's concluvestment trusts sion that overseas earners will heading for a be overshadowed by home based sectors like breweries of late on the uple of mergers and retailers, I doubt if many in the other side investment managers will be sectors have ditching overseas earners of the a precipitate quality of Reckitt & Coleman, Beecham or BAT, who have inas companies erge proportion vested heavily overseas in the last couple of years, for the transient benefits to be obtained from groups closely tied to a still frail United Kingcouple of years dysts have been raises of comdom economy. And that must be particularly so if sterling behaves like it did yesterday. insulated in the vagaries.

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Nottingham Manufacturing's share price rise of just 1p to o that investors more and more 65p may represent a success re last five vears of sorts in yesterday's grim stock market conditions. But aly in overseas ares with the the cool reception to the announcement of a 40 per cent sharp rise) of increase in pre-tax profits per-haps owes something to the fact that NM remains an enigma, though a cash-rich one. currency pre-Having done nothing yester-day to alter its reputation for extreme reticence among market

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mess about the North Sea expectations later question to which the market this year.
With investment attention part answer concerns the group's apparently excessive liquidity—over £20m cash or equivalent at the last balance switching back to companies more closely dependent on the sheet date almost half of which

sheet date almost half of which was in gilts.

Although investment income of only £1.8m (9 per cent on £20m) suggests that the average cash balance might have been nearer £14m on average, that sum would seemingly offer NM a host of attractive options.

However although the group

However, although the group changed its policy of always making acquisitions with equity or convertibles with last year's 35p a share bid for George Spencer—which failed completely—NM seems quite happy to let its liquidity go on increasing steadily.

The Spencer bid was purely

an attempt to protect the group's existing investment and short of stepping out into unrelated fields there seem to be few targets for the cash mount-

On the trading front NM has presumably been helped by an element of restocking by Marks & Spencer which takes 60 per cent of its knitwear and has proved a powerful ally during the textile recession. Import quotas have also helped bring bout a strong improvement in margins. Although Laucaster Carpets must have experienced tough conditions, efforts on the export front may have eased

At 66p the shares are on p/e ratio of just under 7 but the 3.6 times covered dividend gives a yield of 6.8 per cent which is unrewarding for the textile sector. And although stated cash now represents almarket capitalization, any sig-nificant improvement in the rating seems unlikely before NM makes its intentions more

clear. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £34.2m Sales £91.7m (£77.4m) Pre-tax profits £11.3m (£8m)

Pre-tax profits £11.5m , _____ Earnings per share 9.75p (7.18p) Dividend gross 4.47p (4.06p)

Tough

Furniture makers went through a rough patch in the second half of 1976 with fierce competition and depreciating sterling fuelling raw material increases set against a highly fragmented market suffering from static if not actually fall-

Figures from Christie-Tyler last week—sales up 10½ per cent and first half profits down per cent-ulustrated the pro Now, another middle manufacturer, Harris Lebus, has produced similarly poor results: in the second half the group lost £54,000 against a profit of £204,000 despite a 7.4 per cent increase

in sales value. interim profits of £125,000 having been cut to £61,000 by the year end, atrihutable profits come down to £38,000 and earnings per share to 1.8p against 14.4p the previous year. So the shares, unchanged yesterday at 41p, are on a p/e ratio of 22.8, though there is some support in a maintained dividend (short-earned of course) which turns

a yield of 11 per cent. Meanwhile, Lebus's balance sheet position has deteriorated with cash and bank balances dropping from over £570,000 at the beginning of the year to around £200,000 by the end. But with the furniture trade beginning to recover Lebus re-ports a profitable first quarter's

trading and a satisfactory order book. The worst, then, may be over. Final: 1975-76 (1974-75) Capitalization E884.542 Sales £9.32m (£8.23m)

Pre-tax profits £61,000 (E309,000) Earnings per share 1.8p (14.4p) Dividend gross 4.51p (4.51p)

Uncertainties on the future of two-tier oil pricing

Throughout October, November and December, the queue of supertankers waiting to load with crude oil from the Kharg Island terminal 35 miles off the coast of Iran resembled the lines of bargain hunters outside the January sale. On offer from the Iranian were large quantities of crude oil that could be used to build up stocks in advance of the expected

price increase on January 1. As the terminal worked flat out, Iranian oil production soared to record levels. In the final quarter of the year output averaged 6.6 million barrels a day (b/d) compared with 5.8 million b/d for the year as a whole and only 5.3 million b/d in the previous year.

Then came the split within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) over prices. Iran emerged as the leader of the 11 members that increased prices by 10 per cent and overnight oil buyers lead increased in Iranian oil lost interest in Tranian oil.

The effect on Iranian opera-tions was devastating. Terminal staff who had worked round the clock in the previous three months to keep the tankers moving found that only just over 3.5 million barrels a day of oil were being exported dur-ing the first nine days of

Output had been expected to decline mainly because all the large oil companies had topped up their storage tanks in the previous three months. But no one had expected the slump to be as dramatic.

But by the end of the month Iran's oil production had staged a dramatic recovery. The monthly average output was

5.1m b/d, well below the previous year's but certainly much better than anyone in the Iranian Government had expected for the first formight of 1977.

1977.
Two factors have produced this recovery each of which will have a significant effect on the thinking of ministers from the Opec countries in their attempts to find a compromise that will make the department of the compromise that will be a compromise that will apply the compromise that will be a c enable the damaging two-tiered price structure to be abolished. First, demand for crude oil has picked up more quickly than expected—even after difficult to make their new price regime stick. And voices are now being raised in the oil

allowing for the generous stocks held in the consuming countries—because of the severe weather conditions in the United States and encouraging demand for heating oils in Europe.
Combined with the effects of

the weather in the oil consuming countries, high winds in the south western part of the Gulf prevented the giant Saudi Arabian oil terminal at Ras Tanura from operating at normal levels throughout most of

According to industry sources Saudi Arabian oil production, far from rising during the first month of the year—may even have fallen below last year's production ceiling of 8.5m bar-

rels a day.

When Shaikh Ahmed Zaki
Yamani, the Saudi oil minister
explained in Doha last December why Saudi Arabia had
opted for a five per cent oil price rise as opposed to the 10 per cent agreed by eleven other members of the organization, he also announced that the 8.5m barrels a day production ceiling was being removed.
With Saudi oil production

Without the additional Saudi oil—there is very little extra production available from the United Arab Emirates, Saudi's only supporter in the present pustle over prices—the tussle over prices—the eleven may not find it too

Roger Vielvoye

industry which suggest that the cheap Saudi oil bonanza may materialize to the extent

After carefully researching the proposals for acquiring part of the increased Saudi output, some of the large oil companies have gained the impression that the rise in exports from Ras Tanura and other Saudi terminals may not be as large as Shaikh Yamani had led oil consumers to believe.

Not all members of the Saudi Government are convinced of the need to raise production so quickly purely to demonstrate the nation's muscle within the organization. There are also those Saudis who are concerned the increase in the country's monetary surpluses that another rise in production

would bring.
The Saudis had been under pressure, even before the Opec split to remove the 8.5m barrel

moving ahead to 10.5 or even aday production ceiling. With 11m barrels a day, the ten per centers faced a substantial fall in their markers as their traditional customers made plans for acquiring their share of the additional Saudi oil.

The production ceiling with President Carter promising reflation of the United States economy and world prospects generally looking brighter, it had become obvious that without a sizable rise in Saudi out-

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of the world could have been short of crude by next autumn. North America's arctic winter has probably added two or three hundred barrels a day to the average expected for 1977 which would bring estimates of likely consumption outside the communist block to between the pessimistic 50.3m barrels a day from companies like Shell to a more optimistic 52.5m barrels a day from consultants W. J. Levy.

As the non-Opec countries have a capacity to produce about 18m barrels of oil a day between them, meeting the more optimistic forecasts would have required Opec to reproduce the record 34.4m barrels a day achieved last December throughout the rest of

This level was only reached because Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Libva allowed their production ceilings to be exceeded and there has been no indica-tion that Kuwait and Libya have any intention of following the Saudi lead in removing the

ceiling.

According to industry experts an increase in Saudi output might have been required in late Spring, but with the cold winter in the northern hemishers experts to be dephere causing stocks to be de-pleted rapidly, the need for extra Saudi oil could be brought forward by about a

Both sides in the Opec price split are anxious to end the two-tiered system of pricing. But with the supply situation moving slowly in favour of the eleven, the impetus is dying for them to reach a fast compro-mise that would be acceptable to the Saudis and the United Arab Emirates.

The idea widely canvassed by

Mr Abdulaziz bin Khalifa a Mr Abdulaziz bin Abalita at Thani, the Opec president, that Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates should raise their prices by an additional 5 per cent in return for the eleven foregoing their planned 5 per cent rise on July 1 has been rejected.

rejected.
Attention now centres on a compromise stemming from the Saudi camp which would involve each side adjusting their prices by 2.5 per cent, to produce an average rise from January 1 of 7.5 per cent. It would also mean the loss of the 5 per cent increase from July 1.

In a recent interview the Shah of Iran said he would not stand in the way of a compromise acceptable to the other members of the 11. But sources within Opec feel that this solution is a non-starter— unless it makes provision for some kind of further increase later in the year.
Against this

Opec's economic experts who began talks in Vienna yesterday are in for a difficult time. But it has been made clear to them that there is no chance of a special ministerial meet-ing to discuss prices unless considerable groundwork can be done beforehand at official level.

John Earle looks at an increasingly lucrative activity in Italy

Sitting ducks for the kidnappers

such as the freezing of the

family so as to make more dif-

ficult the payment of a ran-som. There is also a limit to the precautions which a busi-

ness man can take for, as he

says, they can amount to

accounts of a victim's

bank

One big kidnapping every eight days in 1976, or 48 in all, is something for which Italians should be thankful. For in 1975 there were 62, and in January this year the rate accelerated to 11 in four weeks. Three of these came in

24 hours-Piero Costa, aged 42, of the Costa shipping and olive oil dynasty in Genoa, a Milanese film producer, and the daughter of a wholesale haberdasher in Padua. The businessman is a sitting duck. What used to form part

of the melodrama of rural life in Sicily, Sardinia or Calabria has become cold-blooded big business throughout country. Among prominent victims in recent years have been the grandson of the late Paul Getty, the mother of Gianni Agnelli's son-in-law, the Rome jeweller Gianni Bulgari, and

Turin Vermouth firm. Kidnapping is but one fea ture of a general increase in crime and political terrorism, the outcome of thirty years of letting things slide by the

Christian Democrats and their Coalition allies. Kidnapping is the quickest way of accumulating capital, with very high profit margins, if all goes well. What impresses the observer is the uncapant way in which the crimcanny way in which the criminals, evidently thanks to well placed contacts in banks, know

of the financial resources of families who, to judge from their tax returns, are often of only modest means. It has been estimated that the average profit may be as much as 1,000m lire per operation, or around 48,000m lire (32m)

in all last year.

These figures only comprise what the Interior Ministry describes as major or 'grave cases. Countless minor episodes elude statistics. In Turin, for example, it is said to be com-mon for a businessman to hear a voice on the telephone, "We know where your boy goes to school. Have you ever thought the car taking him might have an accident?" Then a few days later, another phone call, "Have you reflected about a possible accident"? The outcome is a payment in bank

notes of one, two, perhaps five million lire (£3,300).

On a still smaller scale, one hears in Rome of a nanny to a husinessman's familia take though still behind South

businessman's family who lost the child while playing in Villa Borghese park. Soon an indi-vidual appeared who offered to find him. Half an hour later the boy was awaiting collection in a garage for the price of 50,000 lire (£33).
On the medium lewel, too,

companies are exposed to the risk of losing members of their staff who may not be per-sonally rich, though this has not yet become widespread. The State Hydrocarbons Cor-poration ENI had to help with the ransom of a company offi-cial who was seized while visiting a plant in central Sardinia from the mainland.

running of a privately owned of his experience, but says he business, both in terms of day now sleeps normally again. to day management and of future planning and invest-

firm who is president of Turin Industrialists Union, Undoubtedly the deterioration affects decision making in the small company, where much depends on the owner's psychological state of mind. Many factors tend to make the entrepreneur afraid." Some have transferred the hub of

and their two small boys.

If you remain in Italy, you are wise to send your children to boarding school in Switzerland, tighten security precau-tions at home and in the office, and protect yourself with

You can take a judo or karate course, and it is said your chauffeur can go to Switzerland to learn evasive driv-ing. The trained Alsatian dog you buy will cost much more than only a short while ago.

Lloyd's. The Government regards such policies as im-moral and, if anything, an encouragement to the spread

America. Typical policies are reported to carry premiums of between five and ten million lire per billion insured, with the first 10 per cent of ransom payable by the policy holder. A victim who has not let

himself be demoralized but is now taking part in public life is 31-year-old Luigi Rossi di Montelera, an executive with the family firm of Martini E. Rossi, who was elected in June as a Christian Democrat mem-ber of the Chamber of Deputies. He was missing for months in the winter of 1973-74, till Carabinieri searching for another kidnap victim in a farm came across him in a

No one can quantify what hole in the ground. No ransom this atmosphere means in the was paid. Rossi dislikes talking

to quote Alberto owner of a small plasactivities abroad, like Ponti, with Sofia Loren

armed bodyguards, some of whom may follow in a second

But if you heed the instruc-tions of the industry minister, Signor Carlo Donat Cattin, you will not take out an anti-kid-napping insurance policy with Lloyd's. The Government

serious privation of liberty, since you cannot always live as if in a bunker." For him the most effective counter-measures lie in closer surveillance of the activities of known criminals and suspected persons, whether those living in "soggiorno obbligate"—assigned to places of enforced residence—or those in prison, where he believes many coups are organized. There should be authority to inspect these people's bank accounts, at least in Italy, even if it would not be possible in Switzerland, organized criminal bands are responsible for most kidnappings, though some are also the work of political extremist groups. Rossi summed up his suggestions in a recent parliamentary question, in which he urged the government to take a series of measures, such as "checks on persons sent to places of enforced residence, checks on the activities and

Luigi Rossi di Montelera: kid-

avoid the organizing of criminal activities from inside prisons themselves". And lastly, it was necessary to denounce and act against persons whom criminals could rely on to cover them up.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

notoriously given to criminal activities, and checks on pur-

chases of farms and houses by suspected persons which are not justifiable for the require-

ments of their work or res-

Steps should be taken "to

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Queensland Alumina Finance N.V.

9% Collateral Trust Bonds Due 1982

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of the Queensland Alumina Finance N.V. Collateral Trust Indenture dated as of April 1, 1970, U.S. \$1,000,000. principal amount of the above described Bonds have been selected for redemption on April 1, 1977, in lieu of a redemption for the purpose of the Sunking Fund, at the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date, as follows:

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On April 1, 1977, the Bonds designated above will become due and payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for public and private debts. Said Bonds will be paid, upon presentation and surrender thereof with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the redemption date, at the option of the holder either (a) at the corporate trust office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York. 15 Broad Street, New York, New York 19015, or (b) subject to applicable laws and regulations, at the main offices of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels. Frankfurt (Main's London or Paris or at the main offices of Bank Mees & Hope NV in Amsterdam or Banque Internationale a Luxembourg S.A. in Luxembourg. Payments at the offices referred to in (b) above will be made by check drawn on, or by a transfer to a dollar account maintained by the payce with, a bank in New York City.

Coupons due April 1, 1977 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after April 1, 1977 interest shall cease to account on the Bands herein designated for redemption.

QUEENSLAND ALUMINA FINANCE N.V. By WILLIAM HOBBS, Managing Director

Dated: February 15, 1977

NOTICE

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Business Diary: Face the music and dance ent up on a real-ut the Congress Sanderstead will oppose the

Ballet International director

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Max Martin yesterday

now-annual resolution at the annual general meeting that the bank cease to lend to the Govourne, last night, mites. ernment or state corporations show business of South Africa.

Also in that month, Midland
Bank wij sponsor the Covent
Garden proms which feature plot concerned e performers, the up Ballet Inter-Martin and company, who are ly is self-support-uts The Sleeping

well-booked both here and abroad, are now trying to raise money through a £1 "ballet bond" prying no interest and The Nutcracker bourne this week k in Oxford. the director, Max edeema' e at par after a year. Holder of the bonds under come up with at worth of Prince pronosa' (announced at Sadler's Wells Testerday would be entirled to anything from ticket on the company sleeping the big discounts to honorary governor ternational was some style a year rday to tour the

off the ground five-year contract own fares up to London from Eastbourne yesterday to help explain the scheme.

items into their programmes, are doing additional shows and act entertainment about Ballet International.



ships of Ballet International.
Alexan ra Pickford, one of the dancers, said yesterday that morale was good because the management had consulted them all along and sought their agreement to the scheme.

She was one of a dozen of the company who paid their

The dancers are putting extra hope shortly to present an inter-

It appears that both the company and the Orange Free State were glad to end the five-year Among the reasons was the hallooning of the race riots in chances that the company's South Africa, which made tour-

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to bad feeling on tours outside that country.

The deal accounted for much of the f750,000 in foreign exchange which Martin says Ballet International brought in. Nevertheless, it's likely that the cash aspects satisfied neither party. Some South African states aren't keen to book shows mounted by another state, and in any case many people are still staying in at night with their new tellies.

Foverism -Toyota, the biggest Japanese car maker, is pushing hard in Holland. The company was therefore out in force for the opening last week of the Amsterdam Motor Show, with many of the brass booking into

It seems that Jan De Kleer-maeker, head of BL Benelux, had also tried and failed to place his car but had kept on until the management relented. History does not record how he brought it off.

a week of launching a Euro-bond issue on behalf of Wilto suggest that switch possi-bilities do in fact already exist out of Williams & Glyn's into

The Toyota men tried but failed to persuade the man-agement to allow one of their cars to be exhibited in the foyer. There was some surprise, therefore, when two days later they awoke to find the coveted space occupied by British Ley-land's flagship, the 12-cylinder Jaguar XJS.

How's this for honesty? Within

the Japanese-owned and man-aged Okura Hotel.

liams & Glyn's Bank, Kidder Peabody, the American invest-ment bank which is also one of London's most active Eurobond operators, is suggesting to its clients that they should sell The issue, it seems, has gone so well and allotments were so small that in the secondary market it is now secondary market it is now commanding a premium over similar issues by other clearing banks. In his outspoken weekly newsletter on the Eurobond market, Kidder's managing director, Stanly Ross, therefore notes: "Since we always like to pride ourselves on our object tivity, let us be the very first

Currency roundabout

Last month has been an active period on the currency and interest rates from A feature has been the recovery of the dollar which, as can be seen from our table, has appreciated significantly against the five other currencies. In contrast, the Deutsche mark has lost ground. This amounts to an adjustment of the balance between the two key currencies on which the international monetary system hinges.

Market feeling about the dollar has changed

and at the same time its position has been eased by an end to the downward trend or, indeed, by an upward movement in overnight money rates and prime rate. The three American banks, Morgan Guaranty Trust, First National of Chicago and Chase, which reduced their rates to 6 per cent in December, put them back top to 64 per cent in January, coming back into line with the other banks. Is this to be interpreted as a new trend or merely as a short-term technical adjustment?

The answer to this question is important because of the repercussions on the financial markets. Wall Street is always very sensitive and often overreacts to monetary fluctuations and, as our table shows, the Dow-Jones indus trial average has fallen below the psychological level of 1,000 and has reverted to a negative monthly trend.

There seems little justification for a fall on this scale since, apart from the cold spell and its effects, the general economic climate is

Reverting to the monetary situation, a on rates seems desirable, even in the happy event of some relaxation of West Germany's restrictive policy. At the same time, there is a new upsurge in wage demands in West Germany. Monetary prudence is therefore the order of the day; but it would be a pity if too much of this caution were to rub off onto the financial markets, inhibiting investment and once again holding back the current reflation.

The second outstanding development, which was already in train a month ago, has been the sharp rise of two of the weaker currencies, the pound and the French franc, and the ground which they have made up against the stronger currencies. This improvement is reflected simultaneously in both our tables. The spread of inflation rates has narrowed (down to 8 per cent in France, while Britain's is running at 16 per cent and West Germany's has risen to 4 per cent), as has that of wage increases (on which front Britain, now down to 11 per cent, has made the most remarkable progress) and trade deficits have been reduced. For Britain and France this marks the end of a period during which their economies got out of control, but as yet it is only the beginning of

the "virtuous circle".

There has been nothing short of a stamped of capital seeking to take advantage of interest which have remained at crisis levels, although sterling has now been stable for some

in France, where the situation has not reached such extremes, the course of events is much slower and more gradual.

Italy, despite a slight easing of inflation and capital inflows in November and December, is still lagging behind. There has not yet been any improvement in its monetary and financial situation. It still needs aid comparable to that received by Britain.

Maurice Bommensath

			THE EC	ONOMY		
	Growth (pe Industrial production (1)	r cent) Investment (2)	Wage increase % (1)	Budget deficit (—) (3.4)	Stability Trade balance (2.4)	Inflation rate % (1)
United States	+2	+3	8		-0.95%	4.5
West Germany	+5	+5	7	(— \$57,000 m) — 4.3 % (— DM50,000 m)	(—\$1,350m) +3% (+DM2,800m)	4
France	0	+3	14	-2%	4.3%	8
Britain	+2	-6	11	(-FF30,000m) 9%	(-FF5,400m) -5.5%	16
italy ;	+5	.—10	22	(—£9,800m) —10% · (—1,340,000m lire)	(—£0.52.000m) —3.8% (—413,000m lire)	18

Three-month average expressed as annual rate.

Estimate for 1977. Estimate for fiscal 1977-78.

As percentage of gnp and in national currency. (5) The figure in national currency is the monthly average for the past three months.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS						
	Interest rate (per cent)			Foi	eign exchange	rate
	Arnusi growth per cent in money supply (m1) (6)	Day to day	Prime rate	Against the dollar (7)	Against a basket of 6 currencies (8)	Change in Stock . Exchange index (per cent) (9)
Dollar	6 (5)	. 4 11/16	61	_	102.7 .(102.5)	-4 (-4)
Deutschemark	8	4 8	67	241 (-1%)	111.8 (112.6)) — 1 (—8)
Franc	(8) 8 (13.5)	9}	9.60	`4.97´ . (0%)	(92.6)	`-3' (-22)
Pound	(14)	12	13	1.71 (+1%)	`85.4 (86.6)	+8′ (-4)
Lira.	(22)	15	20	883 (-1%)	79.6 (80.0)	(-15)

(6) Six month moving average expressed at annual rate.

(7) Figures in parentheses give percentage change in last month.(8) End December 1975=100. Figure in parentheses gives position last month. Currencies are five listed in table plus Japanese yen.

(9) Change in previous month. Figure in parentheses gives change over previous 12 months.

Manchester Ship Canal's wage worries

By Ray Maughan Stable industrial relations, a

slight rise in trade volume and a better mix of business in 1976 helped Manchester Ship Canal to a 31 per cent rise in operat-

ing revenue to £21.48m.
At the pre-tax profit level,
MSC jumped from £1.31m to
£3.97m and, although there was a slight increase in land sale profits last year and a first time benefit of £365,000 from the release of 80 and 40-year-

costs control and a 6 per cent rise in volume.

In the previous depressed year, expenses soared 19 per cent while revenue edged forward by a mere 3.8 per cent. With labour taking 70 per cent of all expenditure, the existence of pay curbs throughout 1976 was clearly vital.

The major part of the capital the release of 80 and 40-year- spending programme was com- gross y old covenants on certain land pleted last year and expendi- figures.

sale transactions, the bulk of ture is unlikely to match the the improvement stemmed from previous £2m. However, the loan capital account has been reduced by £1.5m to £12.3m and the overall depreciation charge has been hoisted by £570,000 to £1.8m.

The net total dividend rises from 12.668p to 13.934p a share and, after the share price fall of 13p to 215p yesterday, the gross yield in just in double

Annual Report for the year to 30th November 1976 1976 1975

Valuation of Investments Net Assets per 25p share Gross Revenue Dividend

Earnings have increased by 19 per All-Share index. cent to 1.24p per share. The Directors recommend a final dividend of 0.65p account for over 70 per cent of the which, with the increased interim last funds, have to a large degree protected June, represents a 20 per cent increase shareholders from the fall in sterling. in the dividend for the year. Revenue The changing opportunities in various in the current year is expected to rise world markets are being continuously appreciably and to allow the possibility studied; and the Directors intend to of a further increase in dividend.

loan was arranged in May. This allowed aim of achieving capital growth. a reduction in exposure to the investment currency premium while main-retires from the Board at the close of taining the overseas investment the Annual General Meeting. His

emphasis. rose by 3.1 per cent compared with a Mr N.D. Brown as an additional fall of 15.3 per cent in the F.T. member of the Board. Actuaries All-Share index. Since the change of policy in early 1974, the net be held at the Company's office on asset value has risen by 27 per cent, Tuesday, 8th March. against a fall of 14 per cent in the

£2,622,500 1.20p

£70,509,000

83.3p

Overseas investments, which maintain the flexible investment policy A second reciprocal sterling dollar which they believe to be vital to the

£61,590,000

80.8p

£2,028,000

1.00p

The Chairman, Mr John Chiene, successor as Chairman is Mr C.F. Ordinary Shareholders' assets Sleigh. The Directors have appointed

The Annual General Meeting will

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

The worst day for more than three month

Phase Three debate and the consequent weakness of the pound, brought a fair amount of selling in the morning session and by 1 pm the FT

Among those overlooked in the trade gap commotion was Reliance Knitwear which swung hard from losses to good profits in the six months to October 31. Prospering Reliance could make £800,000 or more this year ending in April against only £132.000, and a maximum dividend is on the way. So the shares at 180 have a pie of little more than 2, and vield around 24 per cent on a dividend covered several times.

After lunch the selling abated and there was a minor rally. But, after the trade figures, prices were quickly marked down again and the index closed 15.2 off at 366.3, with 4.7 of the drop coming in the final half hour. According to Data-Stream.

E1.723m was wiped off share values with the loss after the trade figures accounting for al-

Equities started the new dates were the worst hit with 143p. R. Kitchen Taylor went Friday, fared a little better with account with their worst day losses of up to £2. Early selling ahead 9p to 35p on the raised a 7p fall to 185p.

for more than three months as lowered many stocks as much London Trust stake, Norwest The other feature of the for more than three months as lowered many stocks as much pay policy and sterling worries as 12 points and after the trade were compounded by a gloomy news they were marked down set of trade figures.

news they were marked down another £1. In late dealing, The weekend additions to the gains of one-half were common.

"Shorts" were also a little firmer at the end, but most were left £1 or more lower. Equity dealers said there was session and by 1 pm the FT a little buying interest lete in Index had lost more than 11 the day at the lower levels, but that it was mostly "bear" closing. They feel the market has some way to fall yer before a

> is attracted. Though a few nence better in "late, late" dealings, most of the "blue chips" suffered double-figure drops. Typical were Beechem 140 to 3900, ICI 131p to 3251p, Glavo 12p to 418p and Unilever 10p to 412p. Lower by rather smaller amounts were Dunlop 60 to 779 and Fisons which stood up comparatively well at 285p.

lower by just 5p.
Store shares had their own specific problems in the shape sheethe problems in the shape of some discourating retail figures. Under particular pressure were Mothercare 80 to 216p, Grs "A" 5p to 175p. United Drapery 4p to 54p and British Home Stores 4p to 147p. Marks & Spencer lest a counter of pence to 96p and Debenhams 3p to 66p.

Week end comment was good for rises in Neywood Williams 7p to 42p, Thermal Syndicate 4p to 85p and Muirhead 4p to

London Trust stake, Norwest Holst mentioned here, put on another 5p to 100p on take-over speculation, FMC was wanted speculatively at 73p, up 6p, while Cavenham lost 3p to

115p as hopes faded for better terms from the parent. Serek, continuing its battle against Associated Engineering, lost 4p to 81p, while White Child held steady at 65p on the news that Guinness had won control. The new FFI 14 per cent loan had a good start and, more genuine and solid demand

n active trading, closed at 1 1-16 premium at 511 1-16. RFD closed just half-a-point lower at 37p after suggestions of bid interest. The company says it knows of no such interest and business is now recovering well.

Takeover gossip is bringing a good demand for Lennons, the North-West supermarket group. The shares held firm at 35p yesterday and late last week a two-day burst of interest put 50 on the price. In December the group reported record interim profits of £808,000.

Ahead of the results season, which starts at the end of the week, the clearing banks had a veak session with 10p losses from National Westminster from 2059, Midiand 2459 and Bar-clays 2359. Lloyds, whose pre-liminary figures come first on

financial sector was the weakness of discount houses in the wake of the gilt market. Here the worst was Alexanders which ended no less than 25p lower at 185p with Allen Har-Vey & Ross 380p and Cater Ryder 225p both lowered 10p.

With sterling in decline, the prospects for lower interest rates grow bleaker and this was reflected in the property sector. Hammerson "A" gave up 20p to 355p, Land Securities 9p to 146p. Apex 7p to 117p and Bernard Sunley 5p to 115p. After figures, Beaumont eased

slightly to 63p. In the textile sector, Notting-ham Manufacturing were a penny ahead at 66p, after 69p, on figures, while both Carring-ton Viyella 27p and John Industries and Tr.

Haggas, at 330p, front of statemer Courtaulds, the m lower at 97p.

Additionally United States in were in retreat ? 24p to 904p, Shel Ultramar 8p to : centrol 6p to figures, Manchest dropped 13p to Harris Lebus, wer

Equity turnover o was £83.86m (17,8 According to E) graph, active sto were ICI, Shell, : Tricentrol, Burm BAT Ind, P & O

Latest dividends

(and par value) div Ariel Industries (25p) Int 0.75 Beaumont Props (25p) Fin 2.01 Midland Drayton Capital Midland Drayton Capital

Unit Trust Fin

Leopold Joseph Inv (25p) Int 0.5

Leopold Joseph Inv (25p) Int 0.5

Press Tools (10p) Int

0.57

0.57

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Kursaal Co (25c) Int

Lancs & Ldm Inv (25p) Fin 1.56

1.37

29/3

1. Harris Lebus (25p) Fin 2.93

2. Manchester Ship (£1) Fin 7.43

6.66

12/4

13

Nottingham Mfg (25p) Fin 2.07

1.88

1/7

2.

Trust & Agy (25p) Sec Int 3.06

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence p where in Business News dividends are shown on a grestablish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54

percentage, free of Malta tax; ‡ For 16 months.

The scope in Trust & Agency

Unhappily last year was important for Trust and Agency of Australasia because of what it did not accomplish. The directors, headed by Mr C. M. Hughes, have spent nine months trying to get this finance company authorized investment trust status but so far they have trust status but so far they have failed. However, they are still talking to the Inland Revenue

The 1976 figures are reasonable but investment trust status would have transformed them. for the slipped a bit from £1.20m to just over £1m. It would have been higher but for a drop from £537,232 to £252,485 in profits from selling invest-

Net revenue was £536,990 against £623,118 bur it was struck after tax of £417,413 against £523,432. This was based on a full corporation tax rate of 52 per cent but authorized status would have lowered the percentage to 171 per cent.

The dividend is the maximum of 4.29p against 3.9p but, of course, given investment trust status it could have been a lot higher. The net asset value fell

by 8p to 191p.

The trust is interesting for reasons other than its wish to gain tax and dividend advantages. If it became a full blooded trust it, too, could think of liquidating or unitizing. Nearly a third of the shares are held by Estates House Investment Trust have a fifth.

Ariel Industries good going

In the half-year to September 30 last, the turnover of Ariel Industries reached £2.82m. It was £2.21m in the six months to May 31, 1975, the first six months of a 16-month period. Pre-tax profits rose to £322,500, from £272,200.

An interim dividend of 1.150 gross is declared compared with the first interim of 0.72p last time. A total dividend of 2.9p is forecast, equivalent to an annual increase of 10 per

Ariel covers industrial fasteners and other light engineer-ing products, closures for the food industry, polyurethanes and accessories for the clothing industry.

Albright & Wilson grows Down Under

The purchase of a 100 per cent shareholding costing £560,000 in the Victoria-based Parbury Foods, and two new capital investment projects, worth £590,000 are Australian developments announced by Albright & Wilson.

The major new investment Court injunction in covers site improvements at the company's Bush Boake Allen (Australia) flavours and frag-rances division at Mentone, near Melbourne.

The acquisition of Parbury Foods, which specializes in the production of dehydrated foods, will provide further expansion

LEOPOLD JOSEPH INV Gross revenue of Leopold Joseph lavestment Trust for half-year to December 31 up from £147,000 to £161,000. Gross interim raised from 0.53p to 0.77p.

KURSAAL

Pre-tax profit for half-year to November 30, £137,000 (Malta pounds), against £132,000. Interim unchanged at 9 per cent, free of

LANCS & LONDON IV Revenue (after tax) of Lan-cashire and London Investment Trust rose from £51,000 to £58,000 in 1976. Gross dividend up from 2.11p to 2.4p.

WEBSTERS PUBLICATIONS Acceptances received for recent rights issue: 2.85 million (90.78 per cent).

ARDEN AND COBDEN Turnover for Arden and Cobden Hotels rose from 5583,000 to £584,000 in 1976. Profit (after tax) up from £12,000 to £25,000. Dividend, 2.78p (2.53p),

MORAN TEA HOLDINGS Acceptances received by Moran Tea Holdings for its offer for Litchfield and Soundy amount to 139,515 shares (98.9 per cent). Offer fully unconditional. tralia), the largest flavours com-pany in the country. Parbury Foods was a subsidiary of the Melbourne-quoted 52.2m Par-The argument for Mrs Owens

is that under the provisions of the company's articles, she is the highest bidder for the bury Henry, whose other activishares and therefore entitled to have these transferred to her. Earlier this year the 33 per cent stake held by GRA had been reported sold to rival memties include timber, engineering, soan and detergents. All of Parbury Foods operations are from BBA's Mentone complex. bers of the Chandler family con-nected with the existing man-

Moratorium for **Bishopsgate**

Referring to its statement in October that it had exceeded its borrowing limits, Bishops-gate Property & General Investments says that negotiations for a moratorium with the lenders are expected to be completed Arrangements are being made

for the early repayment at par with accrued interest of the outstanding £326,000 debenture, 1983-88. Cash to meet the cost repayment has been lodged with the trustees.

Because of the changes in its pertfolio last year, the financial period is extended from June 30 to December 31, 1976. Accounts for that period are likely to show that net assets attributable to ordinary shareholders are tiny.

Glass. Glover plans a second final

After taking advice the board of the Glass, Glover Group has thought more about the Close company provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1970, in relation to the year to September 30 last.

It now proposes to recom-mend a second final dividend of 0.54p gross. With the planned final of 0.81p already announced, this will make total for the year of 1.69p gross against 1.03p, adjusted for a scrip issue.

Mixed performance at Abercom Invs

Leading South African indus-trial and holding group Abercom Investments reports pre-tax profits up from R5.34m to R5.9m for the half year to December 31. Earnings a share rose from 16.2 cents to 18.8 cents and turnover went up from R50.76m to R54.45m. However, the interim dividend is only 10 cents again and it forecasts a total for the year to June 30, at least equal to the 29 cents for 1975-76.

The increase in profits exceeded that of sales. It reflects better productivity arising from the capital investment programme.

The design engineering sector continues to be busy and it turned in a "sparkling" per-formance. But both component manufacturing and other com-panies saw sales by volume fall and operating margins were

to the dollar premium at the year-end had been substantially re-duced. CALEDONIAN TRUST

Revenue (before tax) up from £460,000 to £499,000 in half-year

Corinthian Holdings. THE CORN EXCHANGE
Chairman predicts, with some confidence, satisfactory prospects and continued growth of share-

holders' funds.

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United States and General
Trust Corporation's chairman
reports that the sale of assets to
repay the two debenture stocks
must have impact on this year's
earnings, but the estimate of 1977
revenue shows that the dividend
should be at least maintained.

BURMA MINES Davis Investments (Jersey) now holds 2.57 million shares in (19.0 per cent).

Oce expects to reverse **Ozalid downtrend**

Dutch office machines group Oce-van der Grinten, which last week made an agreed takeover bid for Ozalid of Britain of £24.6m, not at all what gamblers had hoped for, does not think there will be lower earnings a share through the proposed takeover.

The Oce director said in Amsterdam that profits of the enlarged Oce group should grow after the deal is completed. It added that the impact on

earnings of the rights issue planned to finance the bid would be neutralized. One ex-pects its consistent growth record to continue and it thinks ir can reverse the past few years' declining earnings trend at Ozalid.

The takeover is planned for completion before May 1. This will create a company with combined sales of between 1,200m and 1,300m florius. Oce will then look to North America for further expansion, the board added. Combined sales there of 120m florins offered a " good starting point ".

Concrete (Monier) raise interim payment

Sydney, Feb 14.—In the half-year to December 31, net profit rose from SA3.49m to SA4.72m, on group sales up from \$A74.2m to SA90.8m. The interim payment goes up from 34 cents to 4! cents.

Mr E. S. Owens, the chairman, said the company expects current trading levels to con-tinue in the second half, with improvement in some areas, and second-half results should be slightly higher than in the first. Some improvement in trading was experienced in virtually all areas of operations, except New

company brides There are already nearly 50 bids and mergers now bubbling away, but there will be more, perhaps many more according to Mr Nicholas Stacey, deputy chairman of Chesham Amalgamations & Investments, now one of the many interests of Central & Sheerwood

Chesham, the specialist in happy company marriages, thinks that the trend will be for small public companies linking with others in the same business. Mr Stacey said: "Merger activity is in higher gear now. The rate of mergers and acqui-

sitions in Britain has been accelerating slowly since the middle of last year."

Chesham, he added, is getting a lot of acquisition inquiries from British companies ser-

ious interested in overseas acquisitions and also in the United Kingdom. The group also reports more approaches from controlling shareholders in public companies wanting mergers and Mr

Stacey avers that Britain is a bargain basement for foreign concerns: "The Americans know this and the Europeans are discovering it." ·

Time Inc wins a London quote 🦠

a listing for its 20.8m shares of common stock on the London Stock Exchange. The listing was arranged by N. M. Rothschild in conjunction with Cazenove. In London for the listing yes-terday, Mr Andrew Heiskell, chairman and chief executive, stated that the group's consolidated net income last year had grown by 49 per cent to \$67.1m or \$3.32 a share. Revenues were

Time's publishing operations contributed 56 per cent of pretax income and 57 per cent of revenue. The other main operating arm, forest products, con-tributed 41 per cent of income

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We are selling one. largest French firms

Initial offers and day, 14th February

Construction group John Mowlem is buying the contracting interests of Ernest Ireland. Ireland, a building and property group, called in a receiver last month. The exact price for the takeover of the assets and goodwill of the offshoot is not disclosed as yet. But details of the agreement with the receiver should be released before the end of this month.

Mowlem buys

Ireland offshoot

Mowlem expects to take on some of the staff of the contracting company but cannot say Ireland called in the receiver after the directors had asked

for a halt to dealings in the shares. Wounded by the collapse of property, the group plunged into the red in 1975, losing more than £4.2m. But the interim figures for the first balf of 1975 showed a profit of 5145,000.

Beaumont Properties again in forum

For two years the profits of Beaumont Properties fell, but not any longer. In the year to September 30 turnover climbed by 47.9 per cent to \$3.04m and pre-tax profits jumped by 63.2 per cent to £786,000. Here they are just above 1973-74's £775,000, but still be-

low 1972-73's best-ever £888,000.
The latest figures were after charging heavier interest of £828,000, compared with t826,000, compared with £770,000. The gross payment duly rises by the maximum from 4.4p to 4.85p.

Cheltenham & Gloucs lends £84m

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society granted home loans of £84m last year to 10,200 borrowers. Of the total number of advances made, 14 per cent went to borrowers under 25. Of the total amount advanced, 19 per cent was made available for the purchase of new homes. The number of investing members and depositors rose by 49,000 to 269,000, while at December 31 there were 63,198 mortgage balances out-standing aggregating £324m.

Walthamstow deal Solicitors acting for Mrs Irene Owens (nee Chandler) said that the High Court had granted an interim injunction freezing dealings in the shares of Walthamstow Stadium formerly held by GRA Holdings. The case is to

Briefly

MACALLAN-GLENLIVET Edinburgh Investment Trust now olds 200,250 ord in Macallan-Glenlivet, more than 10 per cent.

International Computers (Holdings) has changed its name to KCL Ltd. CELTIC HAVEN

Turnover for first half-year to September 30 jumped from £160,000 to £997,000. Pre-tax profit up from £26,000 to £45,000. Board expects year's pre-tax profit to show a "significant increase" over previous year's £62,000.

PRESS TOOLS

Turnover for half-year to October 31, £770,000 (£1.22m for previous full year). Pre-tax profit, £72,000 (£93,000 for year). Gross interim again 0.88p. Board expects some improvement on last year's poor showing. INVESTORS CAPITAL TRUST Chairman says in annual report that a second reciprocal dollar

CIT-CORINTHIAN
CIT Investment Trust, in Hquidation, has sold 2.03m shares in

DELYN. Turnover for 53 weeks to Oct 3, £3.27m (£3.01m). Pre-tax profit, £2,000 (loss, £436,000). No dividend (same).

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Australians confident about wool market

The Australian Wool Corpora-tion forecasts a reasonably firm wool market until the end of the current season, without any marked price increase. marked price increase.

Mr A. C. B. Maiden, chairman, told the annual conference of the Pastoralists' and Graziers' Association of Western Australia that the AWC is "quietly confident", at least in terms of the maintenance of current demand levels for the remainder of the year.

"It is true that flagging economic conditions and poor retail sales in many countries have resulted in worldwide textile activity falling below expectations this season", he said.

"Within that overall situation, however, wool's performance in

"Within that overall situation, however, wool's performance in competition with synthetic fibres has been extremely good. This is particularly true in view of the low prices for synthetics at a time of rising wool prices.

"I do not believe we can expect to see that price difference continuing indefinitely. Significant price increases for wool beyond current levels are certain to prompt substitution into synthetics, a natural course of events when consumption exceeds prowhen consumption exceeds production. But our objective is to ensure that adjustment is gradual and without adverse long-term effects on wool demand."

Mr Maiden said that expectation of a resconable firm market tion of a reasonably firm market, without a marked price rise, be-tween now and the end of the

Exchange

Foreign

The Bank of England was believed to have sold more than \$100m from the British reserves to defend sterling on the foreign exchanges yesterday as uncertainty about the state of the economy revived.

But the scale of official intervention failed to prevent starp losses by the pound, which closed at \$1.6970 with a net loss of 150 points.

ar \$1.6970 with a net loss of 150 points.

Dealers said the Bank of England's overall intervention was intervention expenditure.

Selling pressure built 17 certy, after growing scills trace unund opposition to a third stage of wage restraint policy and the proposed devaluation of the "green" pound which the Common Market larm pricing arrangements. Later form pricing arrangements. Later the news of a January trade de ic.t at a record £545m triggered further

The pound's effective rate worsened to 43.6 per ccut, some 0.6 wider than con Friday evening. Gold rose \$1.25 an ounce to close at \$136.373.

Spot Position of Sterling



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Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper up 700 to 618,700; tin up 425 to 4,750; lead down 350 to 68,750; zinc down 1,250 to 78,375; silver down 10,000 to 26,960,000 troy ounces. am. \$136.30 ian ouncet pm al.84.45. Kragerrand (per coin): non-resident. \$129.50-161.30 (252.25-51.25); resident. \$139.50-141.50 (252.25-33.25). Sovereigns (news non-resident, 548-48 (EST-28; resident, 345-48:37-38).

Bid Offer Yield

than 90 per cent of the Australian clip must be such that demand will be sustained."

UK metal stocks

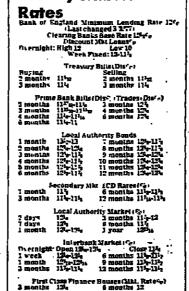
Discount market

Discount houses had their best day for about two months yesterday. They still needed a great deal of help from the dank of England, but they were able to make much more progress than of late in the market and were also able to find bills to sell to the Bank—a cheaper form of assistance than the recent reliance almost entirely upon "last resort" lending by the Bank at MLR.

The Bank lent only a small sum this time at MLR (12 per cent) oversight to three or four nours. Its extremely large in Treasury bills, both from Bank and houses, augmented by small purchases of local authority bills and "eligible" bank bills directly from the houses. In the early stages, day-to-day

authority bills and "eligible" bank bills directly from the bouses. In the early stages, dny-to-day money commanded 121-12 per cent, but there was an early decilne to 12-11, per cent, at which level houses took money for most of the day. At the close, a steep slide enabled final balances to be found over a band of 6 to 10 per cent.

Money Market



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Malaysian minister the key figure in moves to save the tin pact

Emerging as a key figure in moves to keep the International Tin Agreement in being is Daruk Musa Hitam, the Primary Industries Minister of Malaysia, who is visiting Bangkok, London, Washington and Bolivia.

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Malaysia and Indonesia have alroady agreed on a joint approach to Bolivia to try to secure ratification by that country of the Fifth Agreement, without which the pact might founder.

The visit to Bangkok is aimed at curolling the Thai government in a joint stand by the Association of South-East Asia Nations (ASEAN) which comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.

Both Indonesia and Malaysia are concerned that if the present deadlock between Belivia and the rest of the International Tin Council, principally over the ITC's price ranges, leads to a collapse of the agreement or are deadlocked. ment, a producers' cartel might

follow.

Datuk Musa has said: "We certainly do not wish to see such a situation forced upon us by any lack of sympathy from consuming member nations."

Both Professor Muhammad Sadli, the Indonesian Mining Minister, and he sympathized with the Bolivian case and felt that it was vital to preserve the tin agreement. Datuk Musa saw Japan and West Germany as two hardcore nations strongly opposed to further upward revisions in the price range

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the market. objections to price revisions but also the policy of the Admini-stration regarding releases from the General Services Adminiof a private Bill seeking the release of 30,000 rous of GSA tin for the United States domes-tic industry.

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seem to be remote, its introduction not only brings into ques-tion future United States policy on stockpile releases but also whether, if any releases took place, they would, in apparent breach of the tin agreement, which the United States has signed, be made to the domestic industry only, or to other

nations. In London, an ITC Head of In London, an ITC Head of Delegations measing has been considering legal opinion on whether the agreement can be extended for a year from June 30, when its "provisional life" ends. The meeting heard United Nations legal opinion on the exact interpretation of some clauses of the pact confirming clauses of the pact, confirming that such an extension was possible.

Ontcome of mission to Bolivia awaited

The outcome of this meeting will be reported to the ITC at its next session, which has been brought forward to March 1 in view of the urgency of the situa-tion caused by Bolivia's con-tinued refusal to ratify the agreement. But no action is contemplated until the outcome of the mission to Bolivia is

known. Meanwhile, there was a bout of nervousness among London Metal Exchange tin dealers last week on reports of particularly

the market.
On Monday the London prices for both standard cash and three months went through the £6,000-a-tonne level for the stration's 20,000-ton stockpile of first time, cash reaching tin in the light of the tabling £6,002.50 and three months in the House of Representatives hitting £6,102.50. Associated with the increases was a further weekend rise of \$M15 in the Penang price to \$M1,534, which was \$M209 above the ITA ceil-

prices fell back to £5,945 and £6,058.50, due in part to a SM7 fall in Penang and with the recent heavy buyer absent from

the market. However, on Wednesday, although initially prices moved lower on nervousness about renewed buying, by the end of the day there had been a recovery with standard cash £10 higher on the day. The Penang price put on SMA.

Also on Wednesday, the LME's management committee considered the reported heavy buying at a routine mesting.
Later it emerged that LME officials had been assured by J. H.
Rayner (Mincing Lane), a ring dealing member, that recent heavy buying had been on behalf of a client and the firm itself did not have a position in any of the metri markets. It was not a speculative venture.

AP-Dow Jones reported from New York that Mr Thomes Blaney, head of the metals department of Lonray Inc, an American affiliate of J. H. Payner, had confirmed that the firm had been a big buyer on the LME. It was "a fair assessment" that purchases had totalled between 3,000 and 5,000 tons, spread among "30 to 40" people, both dealers and specu-

lators. On Thursday, although the market opened on a high note, later in the day, with the earlier rumour of an attempt to corner the market being discounted, prices eased and standard cash finished the day £42.50 lower at £5,912.50 and three months had gone back £40 to £6,017.50.

Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor

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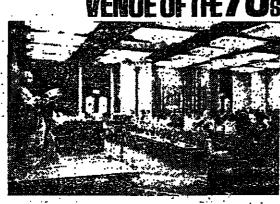
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